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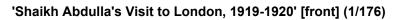
The volume relates to the visit to London in 1919 of Sheikh Abdullah [also spelled Abdulla in the papers] [Sheikh 'Abdullāh bin 'Īsá Āl Khalīfah], the son of Sheikh Isa [Sheikh 'Īsá bin 'Alī Āl Khalīfah], Ruler of Bahrain (also referred to in the papers as Bahrein).

The volume consists mainly of correspondence (especially telegrams) between Lieutenant-Colonel Arnold Talbot Wilson, Civil Commissioner at Baghdad, the Political Agent, Bahrain, the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, the Government of India, and Sheikh Isa (the latter in both English and Arabic).

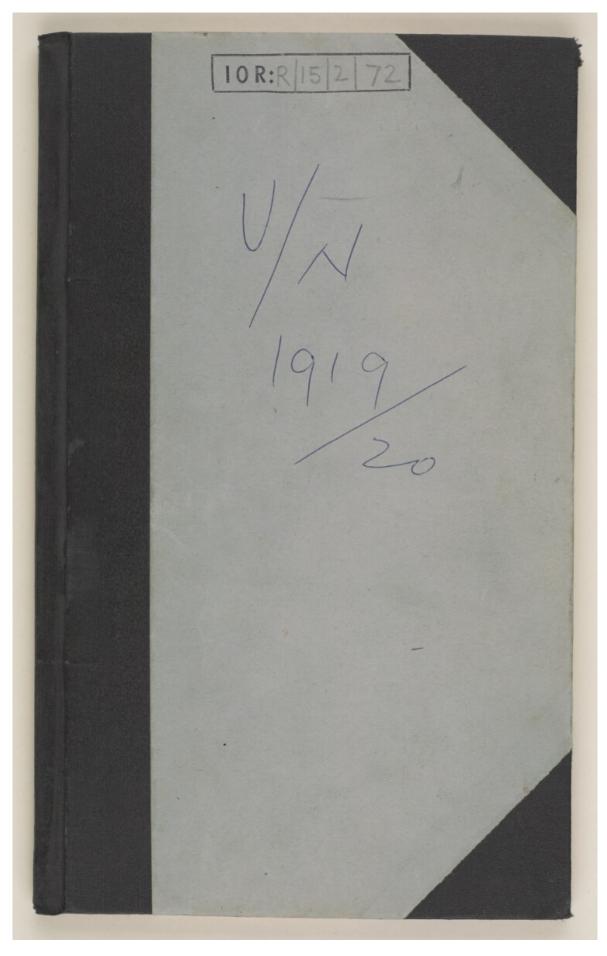
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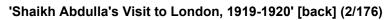
- correspondence relating to Sheikh Abdullah's visit to London, dated May October 1919, including his attendance at the peace celebrations, July 1919, and his reception by King George V at Buckingham Palace, August 1919, and by the Secretary of State for India, August 1919;
- correspondence dated April June 1920 concerning a letter (not transcribed) from Sheikh Abdullah to Sir (Frederic) Arthur Hirtzel, dated 4 September 1919, in which the Sheikh had requested the right for his father, Sheikh Isa to have authority over all Arab subjects residing in his territory, the selection of members of the Majlis al Urfi, permission from the British Government to open the port of Zubarah, and the privilege of referring issues directly to the Government in London whenever necessary, with replies to all of these points from the Government of India, in a letter to Sheikh Abdullah dated 5 May 1920 (with translation in Arabic); and,
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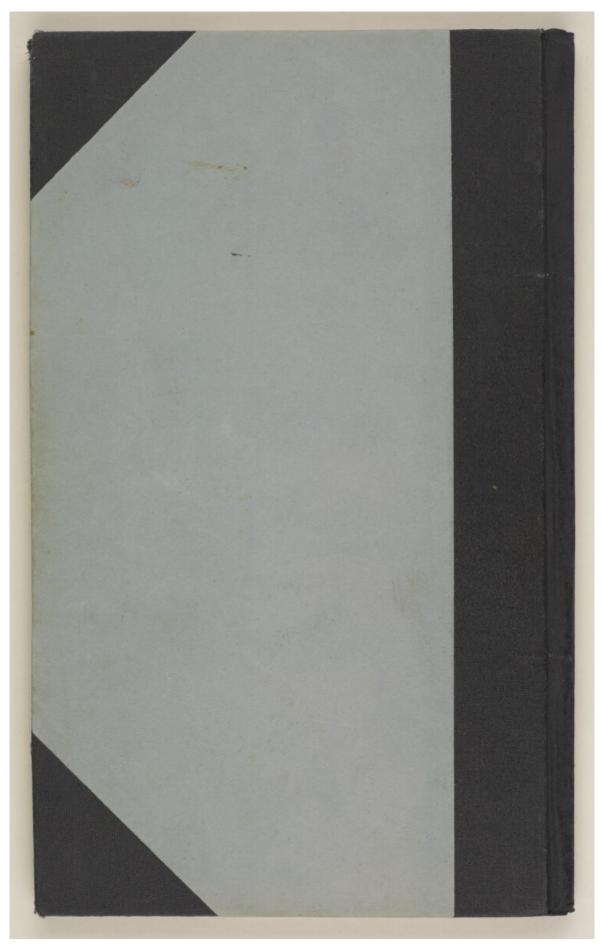






























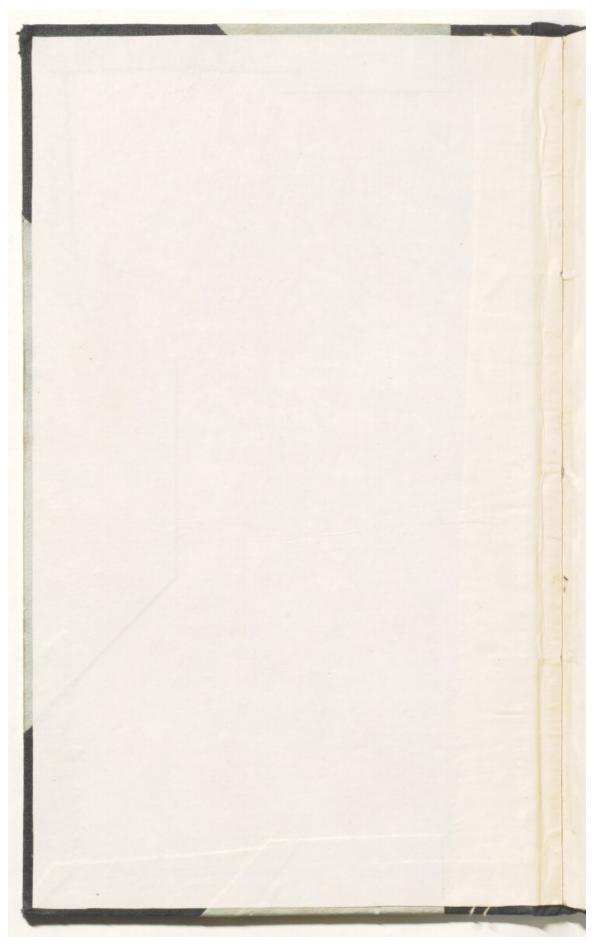






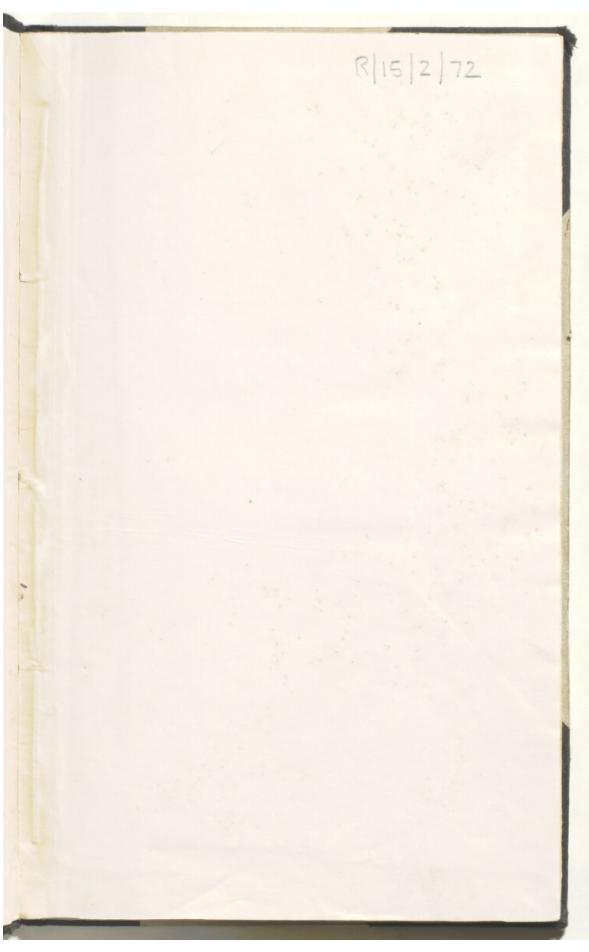






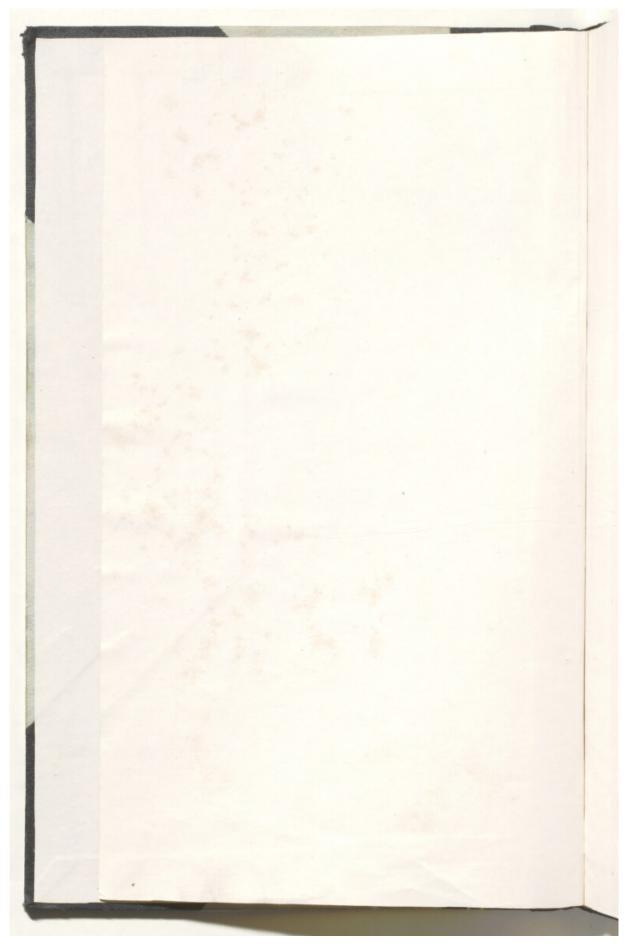


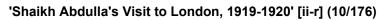




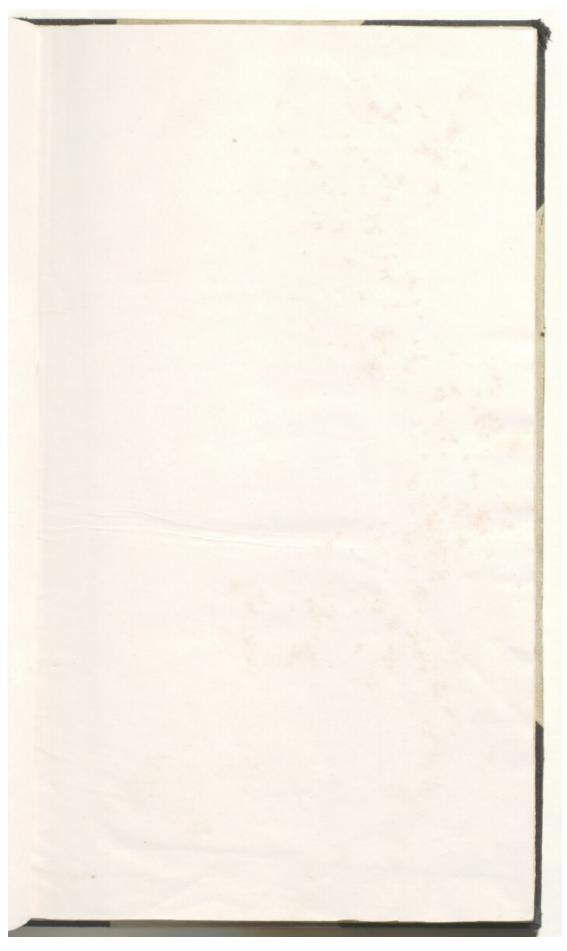






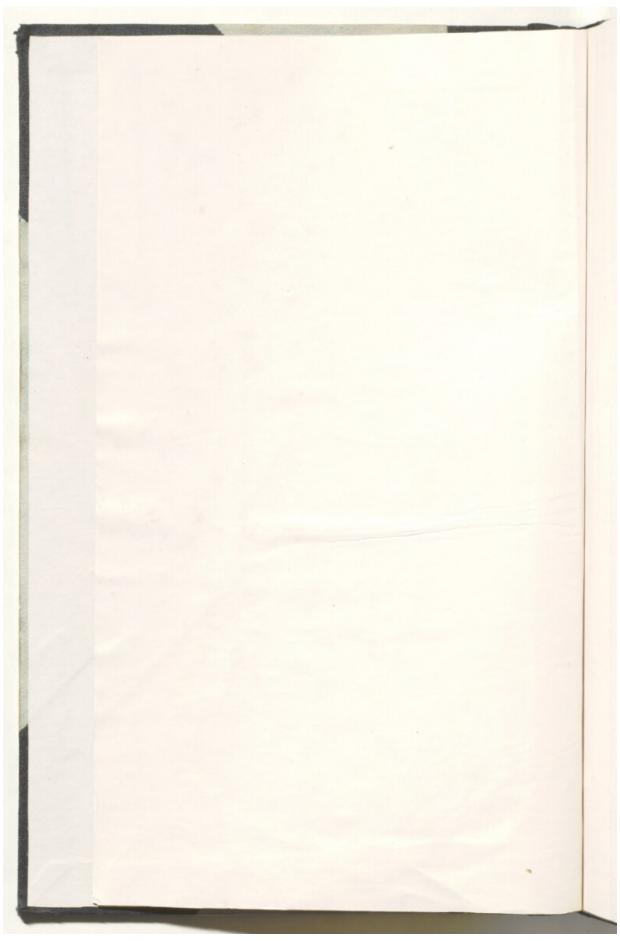






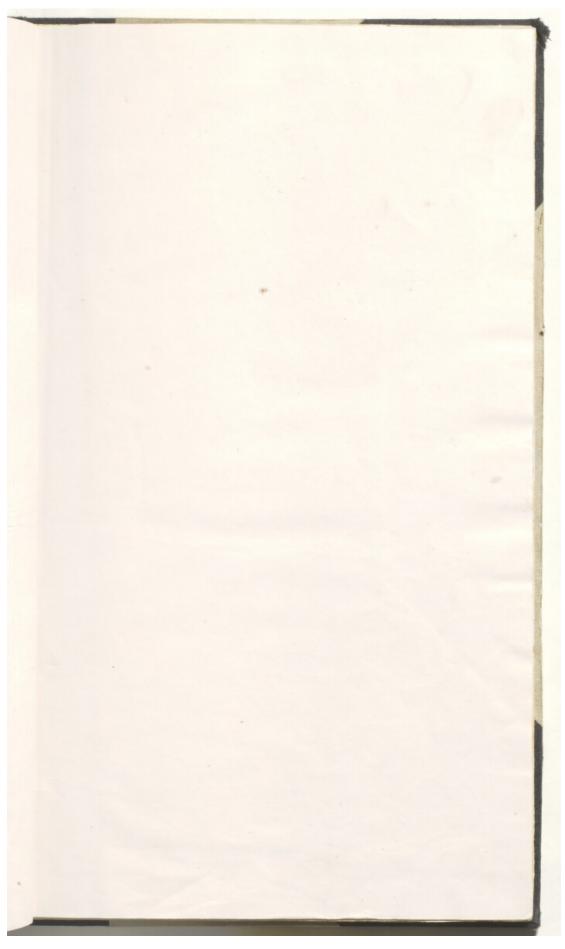
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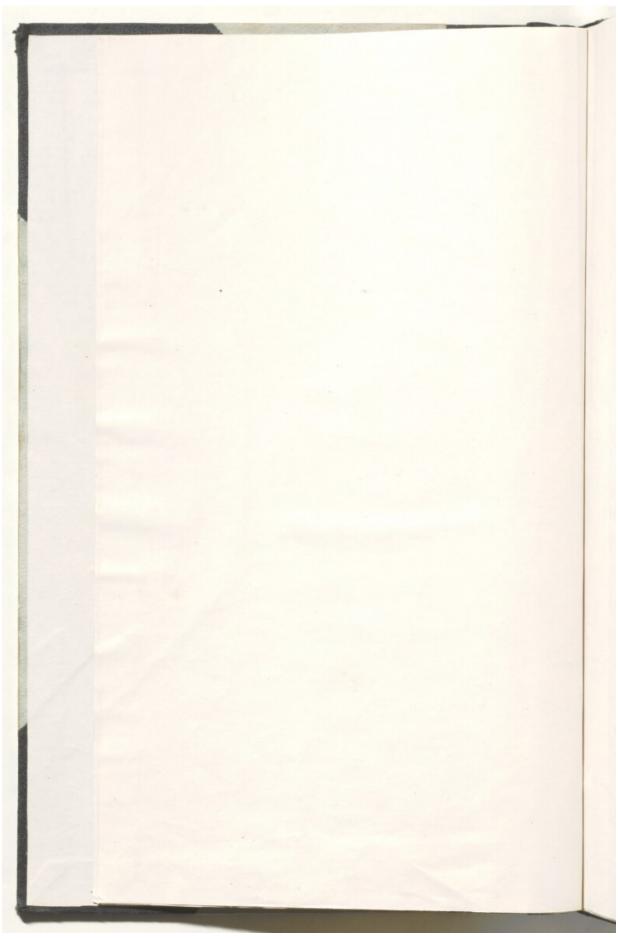
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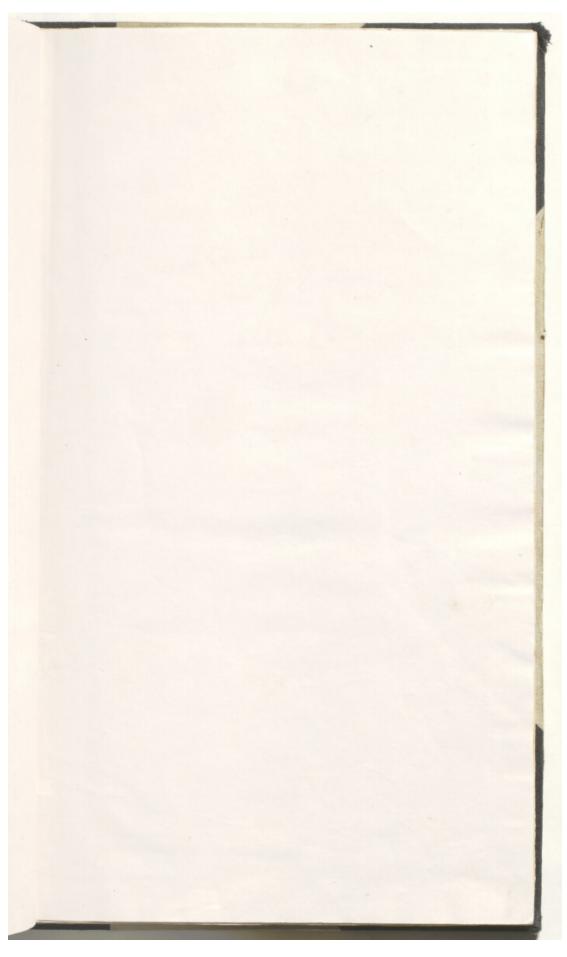
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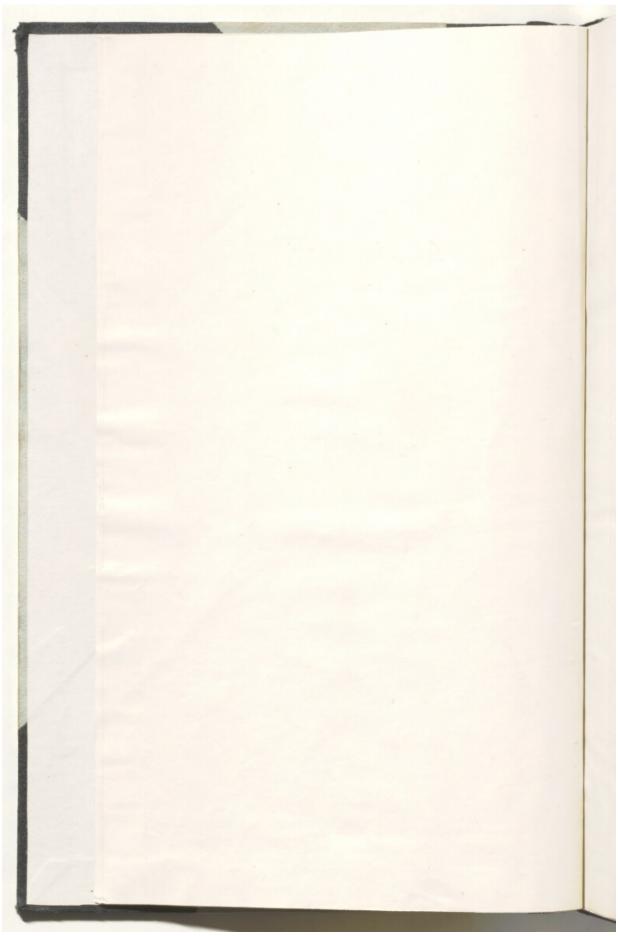
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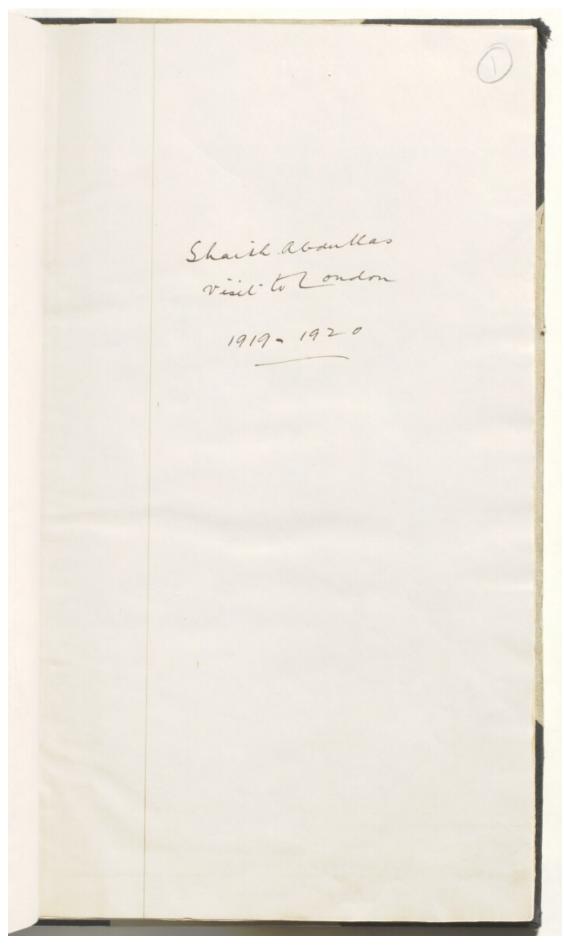
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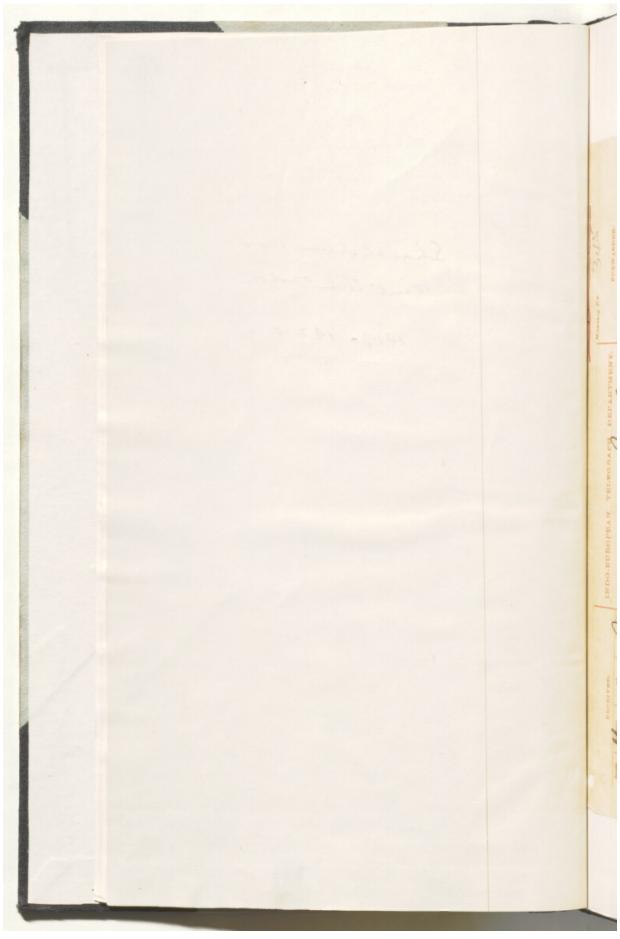
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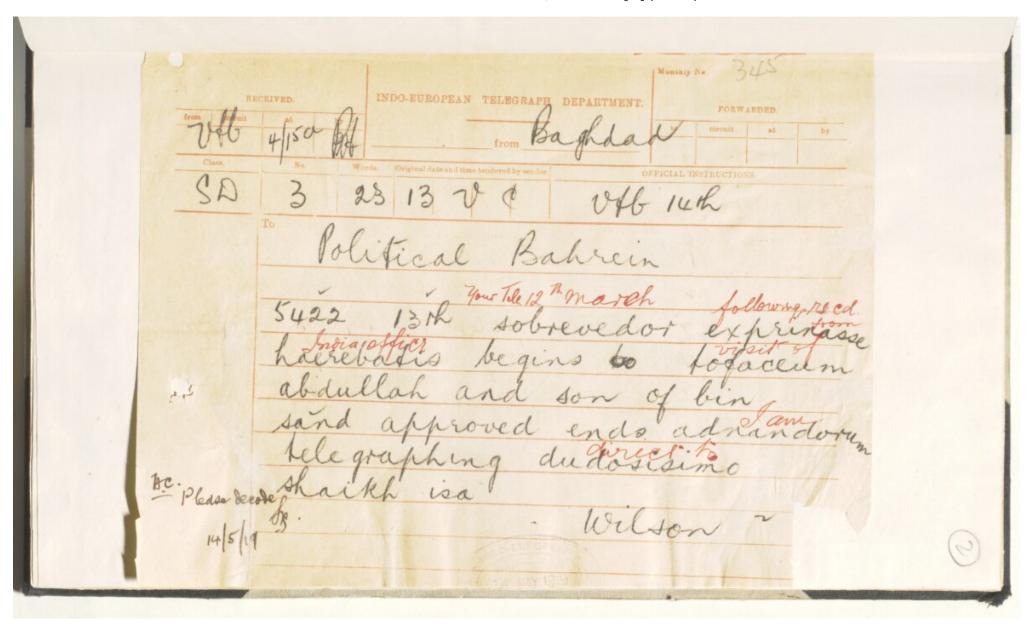
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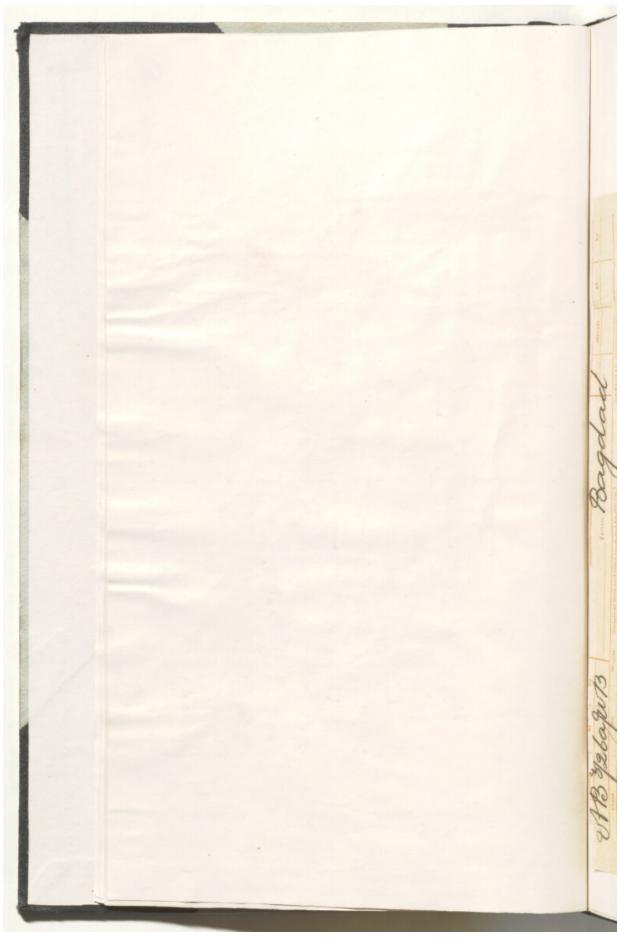


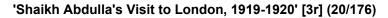




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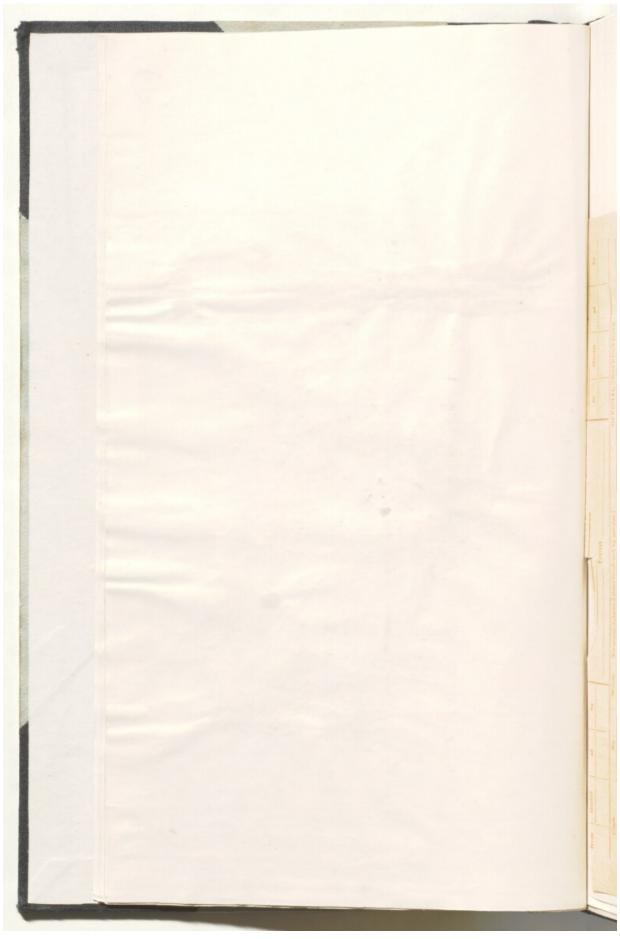




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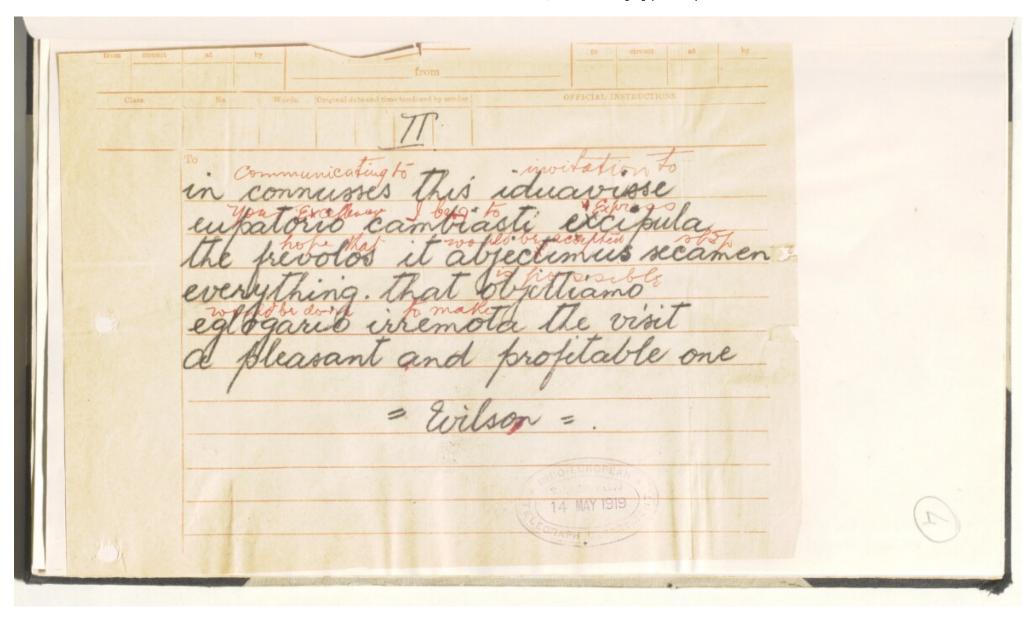
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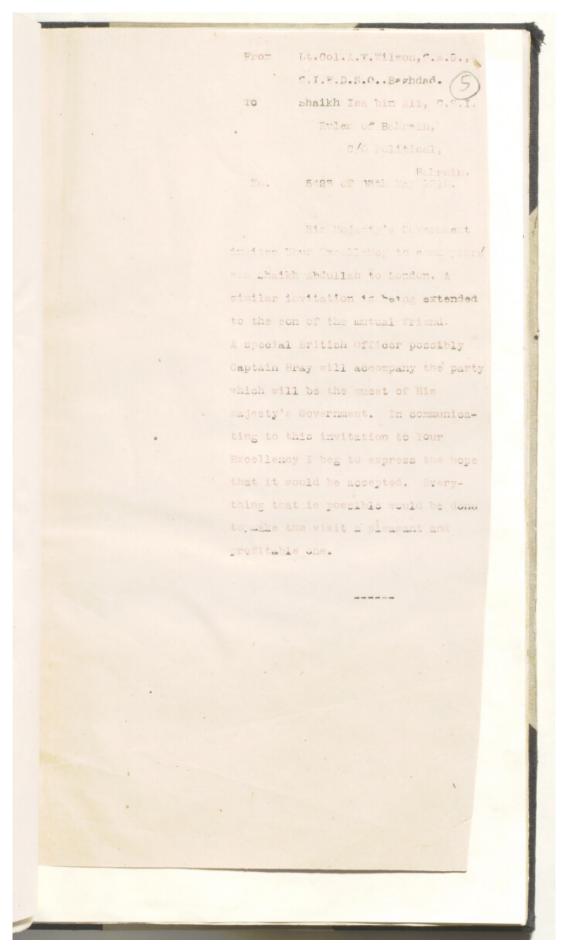
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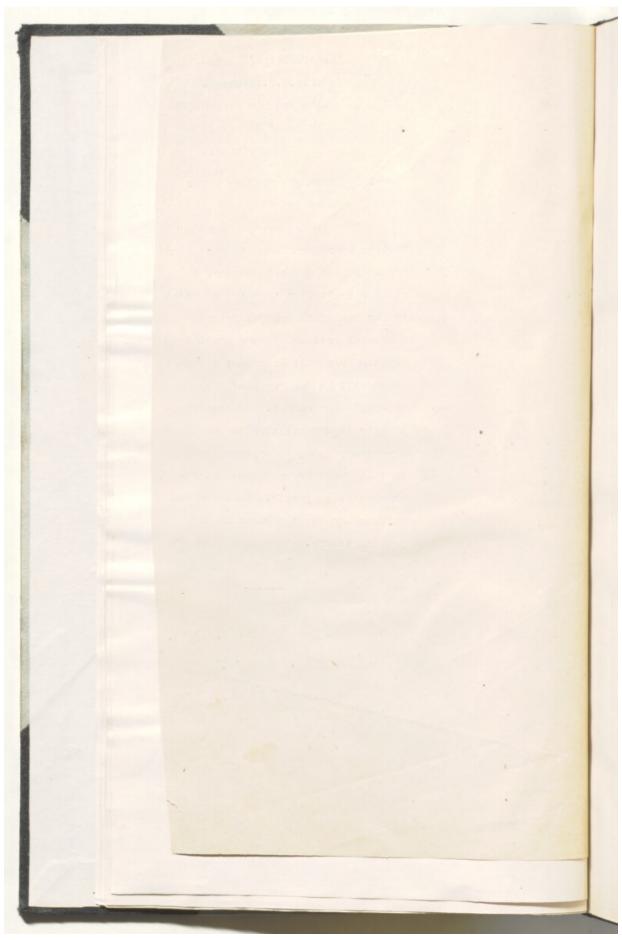
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No. 89-Cor 1919.

POLITICAL AGENCY.
Bahrain, the 14th May 1919.

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shaikh 'Isa bin Ali Al Khalifah, C.S.I., Chief of Bahrain,

BAHRAIN.

After Compliments,

I have the honour to send the following telegram received by me to-day from Lieutenant Colonel A.T.Wilson, C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.J., Civil Commissioner, Baghdad to Your Excellency's address.

"His Majesty's Government invites
four excellency to send your son shalkh
abdullah to London. A similar invitation
is being extended to the son of a mutual
friend. Aspecial British Officer
possibly Captain Bray will accompany the
party which will be the gust of his
Majesty's Government. In communicating
this invitation to four excellency I beg
to express the hope that it would be
accepted. Everything that is possible
would be done to make the visit a pleasant
and profitable one."

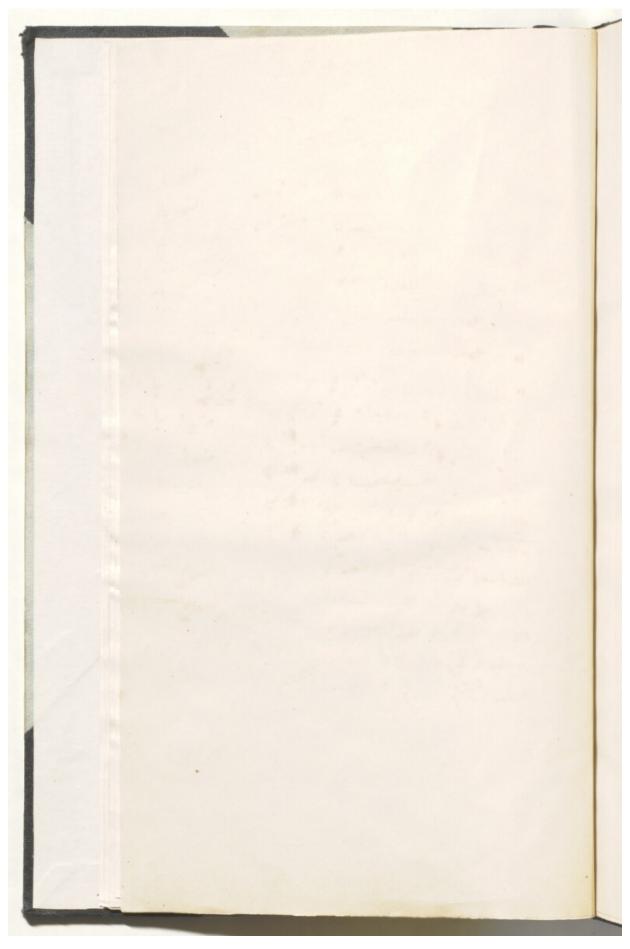
I shall be very much obliged if Your Excellency will kindly let me have your reply as early as possible for communication to the Civil Commissioner, Baghdad.

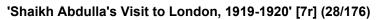
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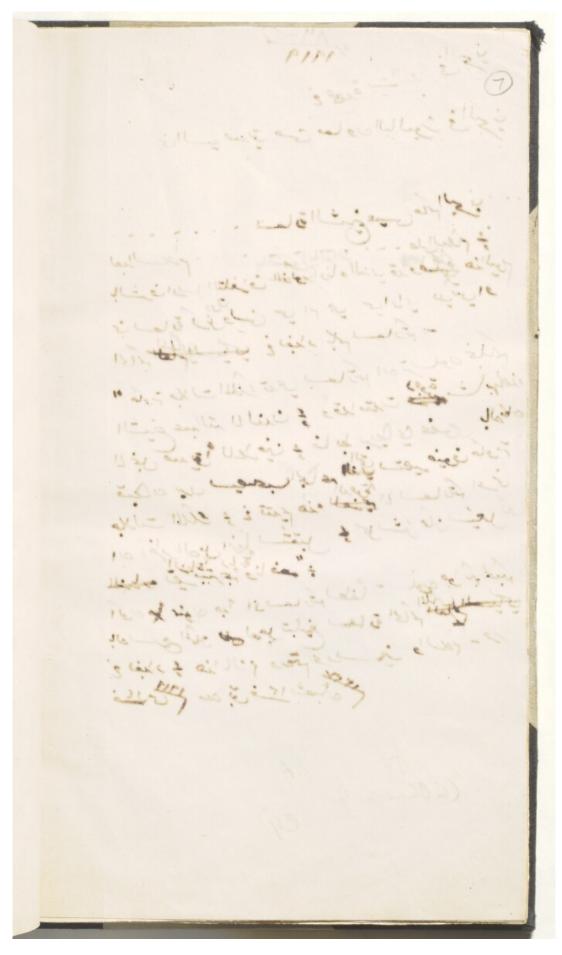
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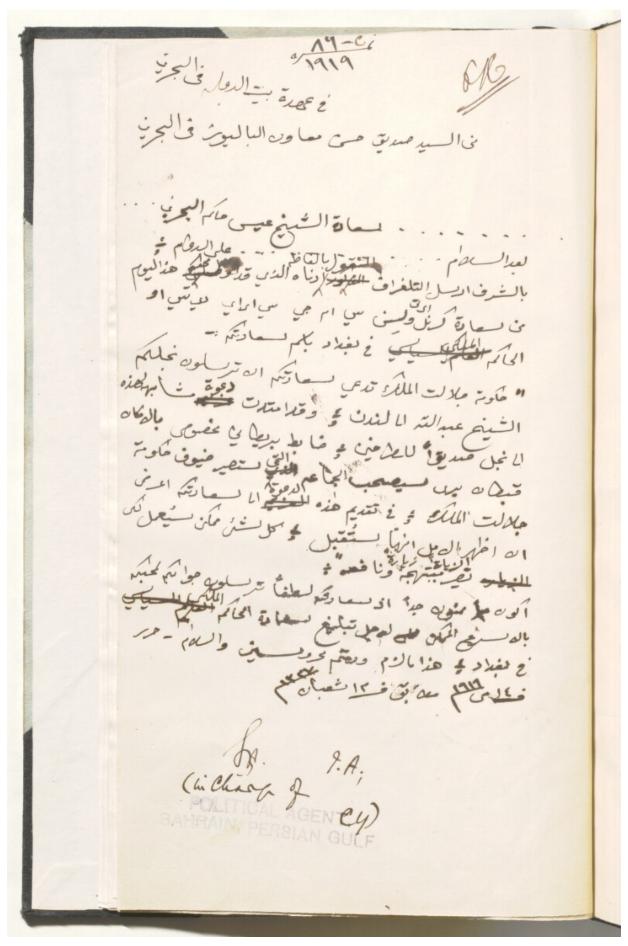






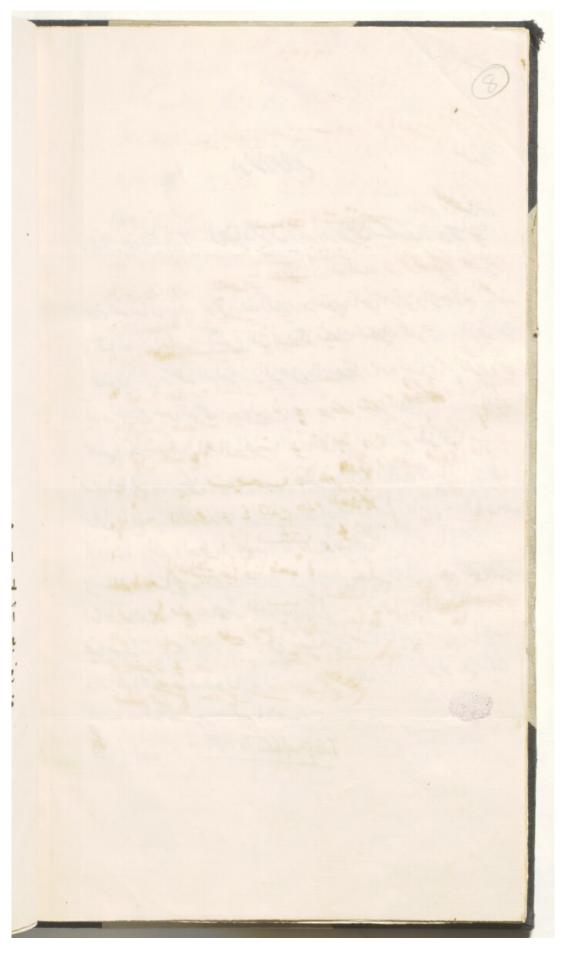




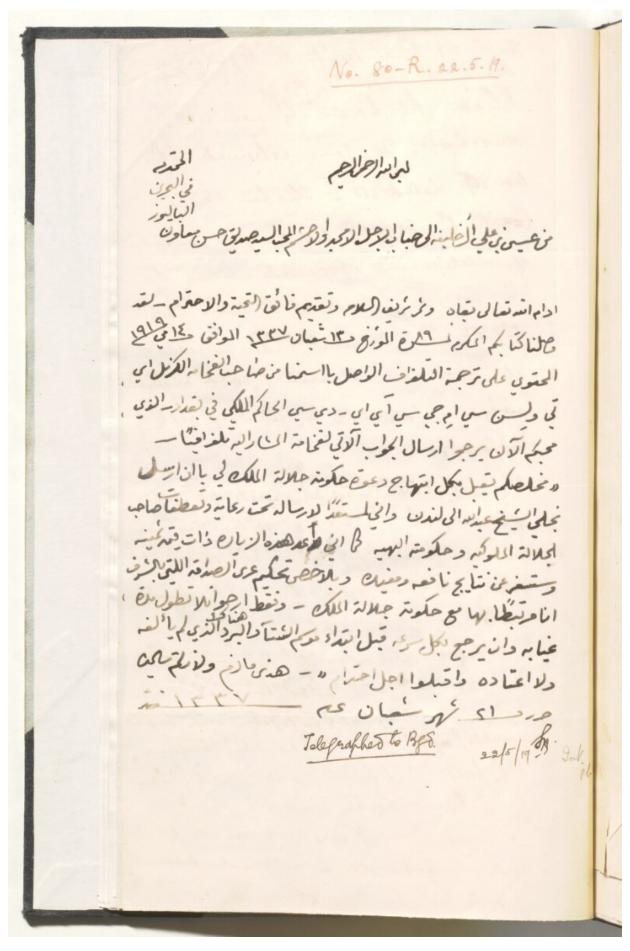




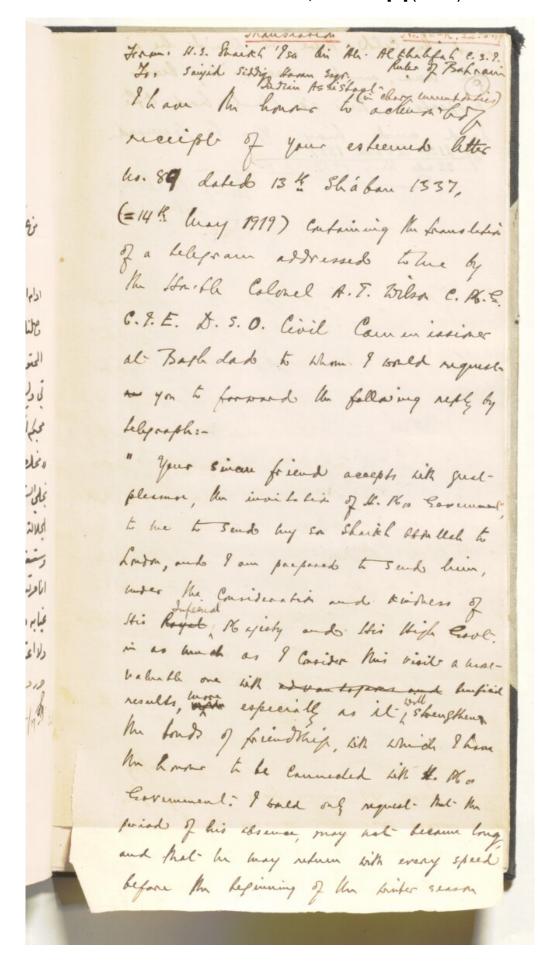






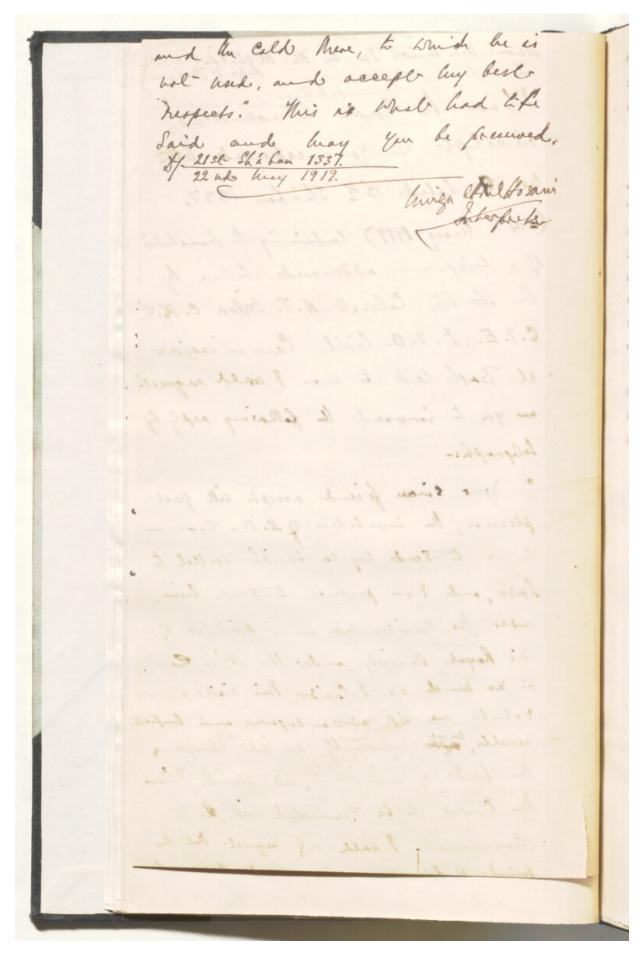






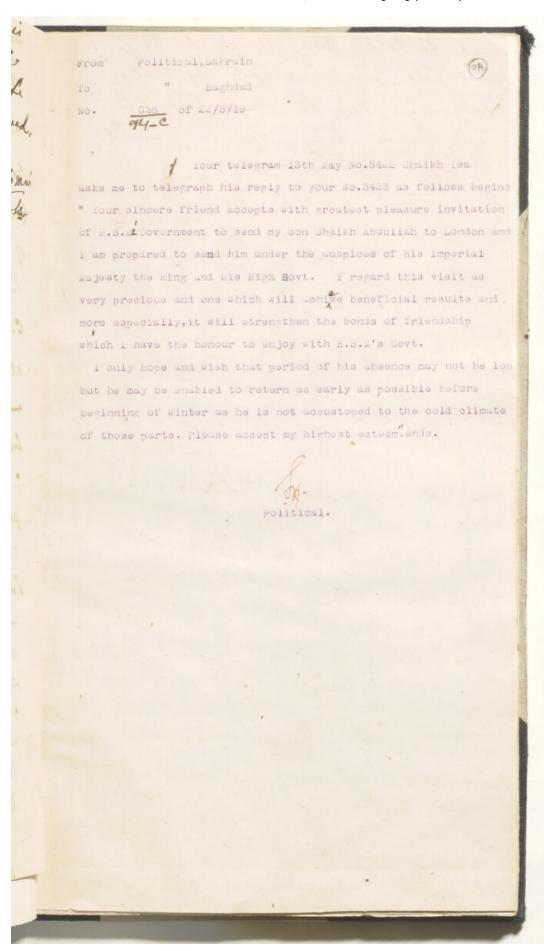






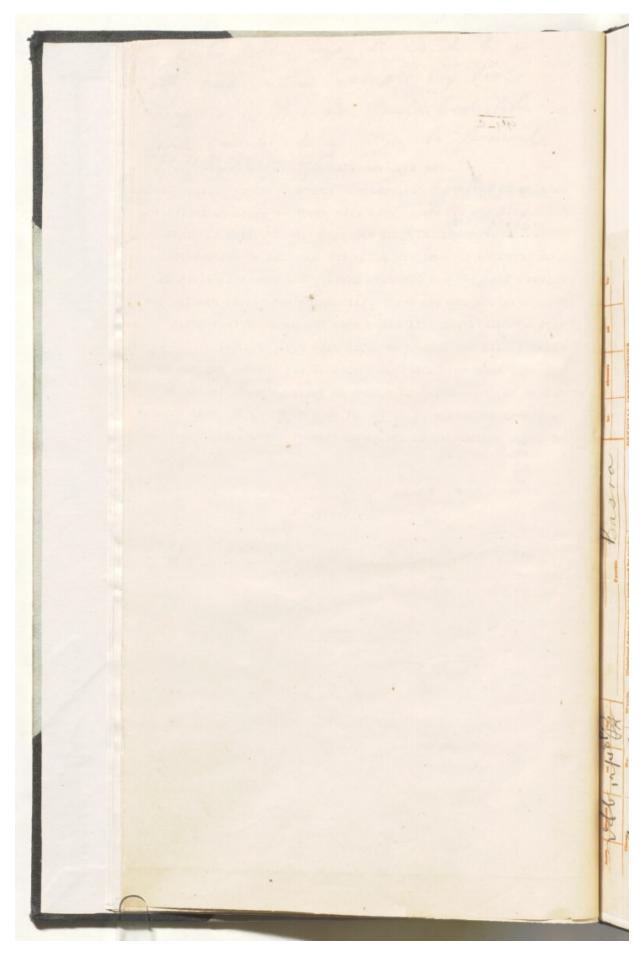
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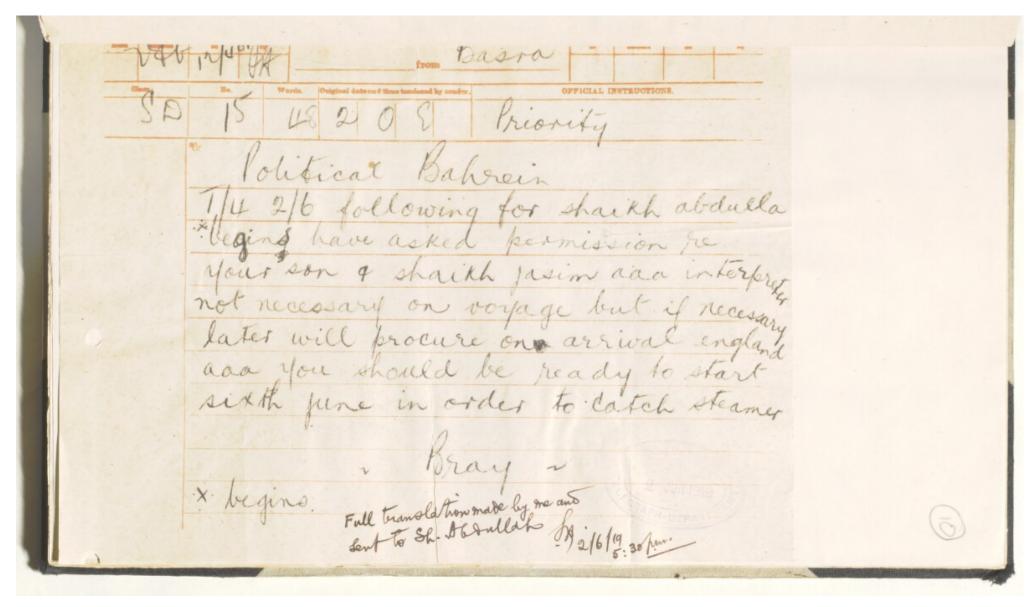












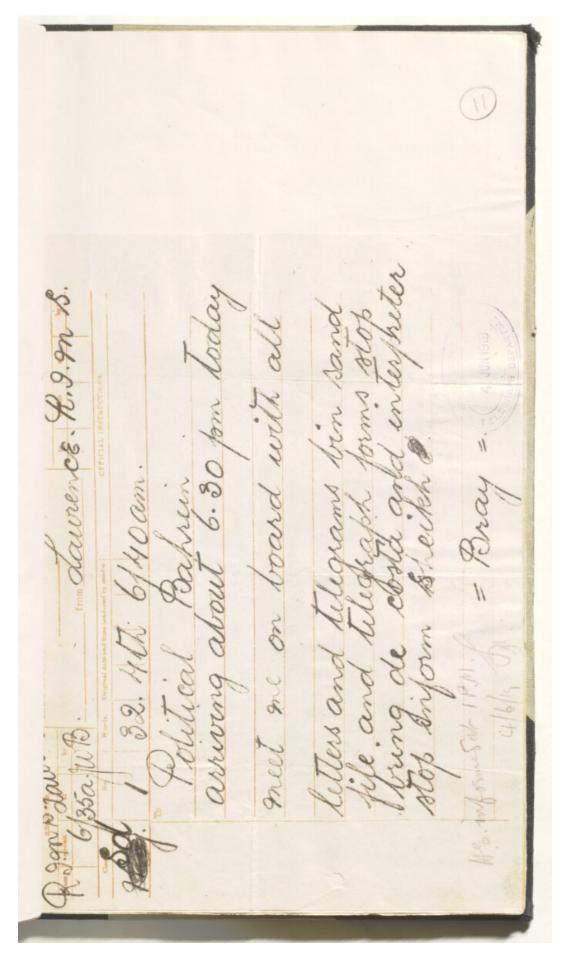






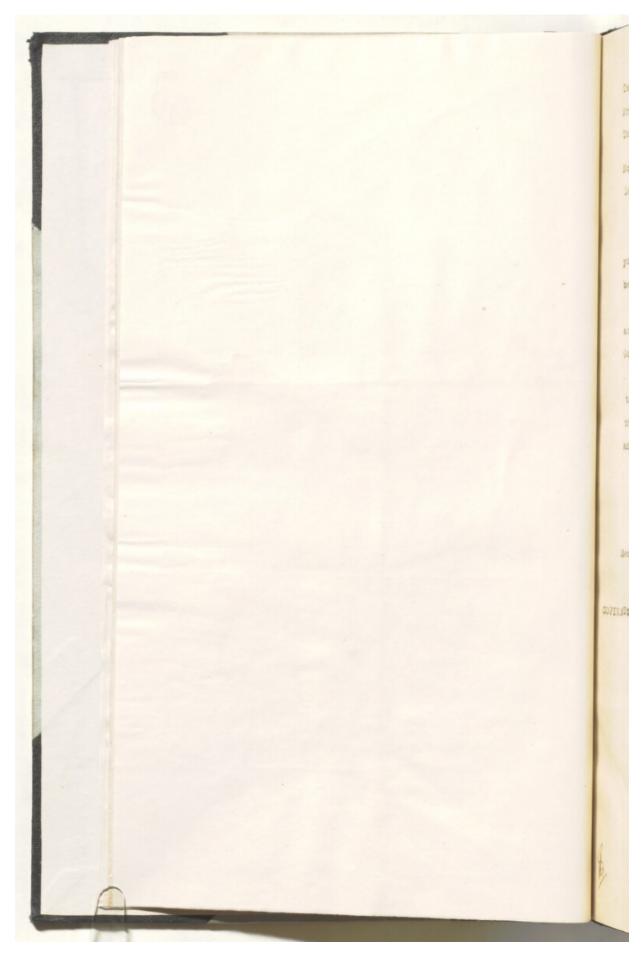






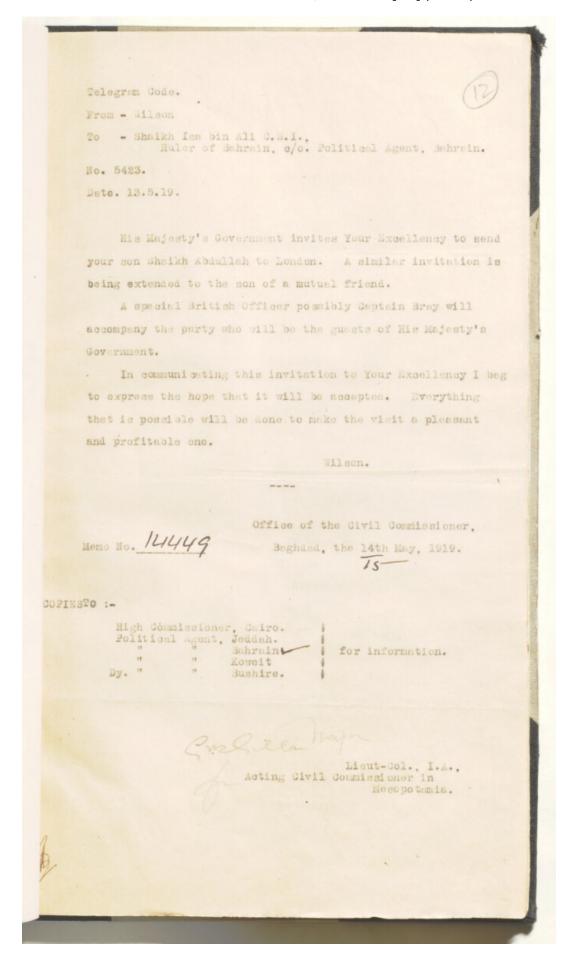






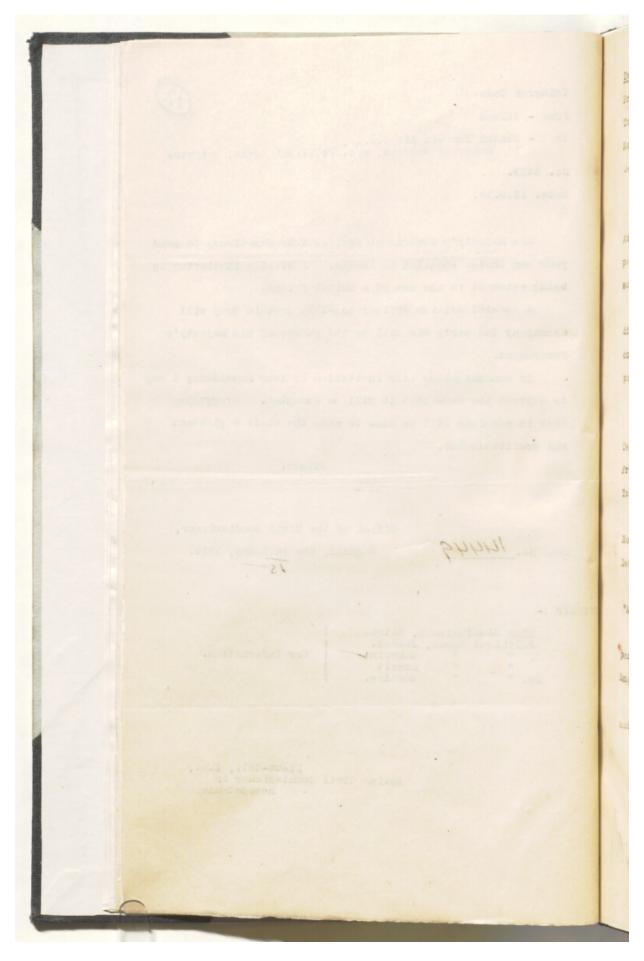
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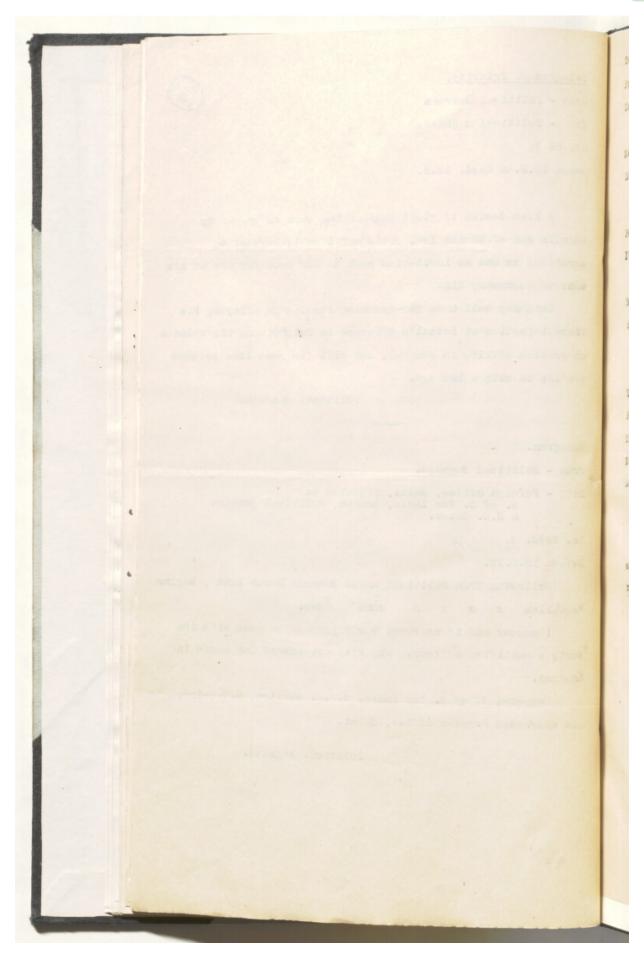
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Telegram R. Priority. From - Political Bahrein To - Political Baghdad. No. 56 C. Jated 12.3. & Reed. 12.3. A keen desire to visit England had been expressed by Abdulla son of Shoikh Isa. This may I would suggest be permitted in and an invitation sent to Bin Saud for one of his sons to accompany him. This may well have for-reaching results in allaying his dissatisfaction at Pelsal's presence in Prispoieing his opinion on Arabian affairs in general, and will for some time to come provide us with a hostage. Telegram. From - Political Baghdad. - Foreign Office, Delhi, repeated to S. of S. for India, London, Political Sushire & H.C. Cairo. No. 2898. Datem: 13.3.19. Pollowing from Political Agent Bahrain March 12th , begins "Abdullah x x x x come" Ende. I concur and if approved would propose to send with the party a qualified officer. The stay not exceed one month in England. Repeated S. of S. for India, D.P.R. Sushire, H.C. Cairo, and addressed Poreign Office. Delhi. Political Baghdad.







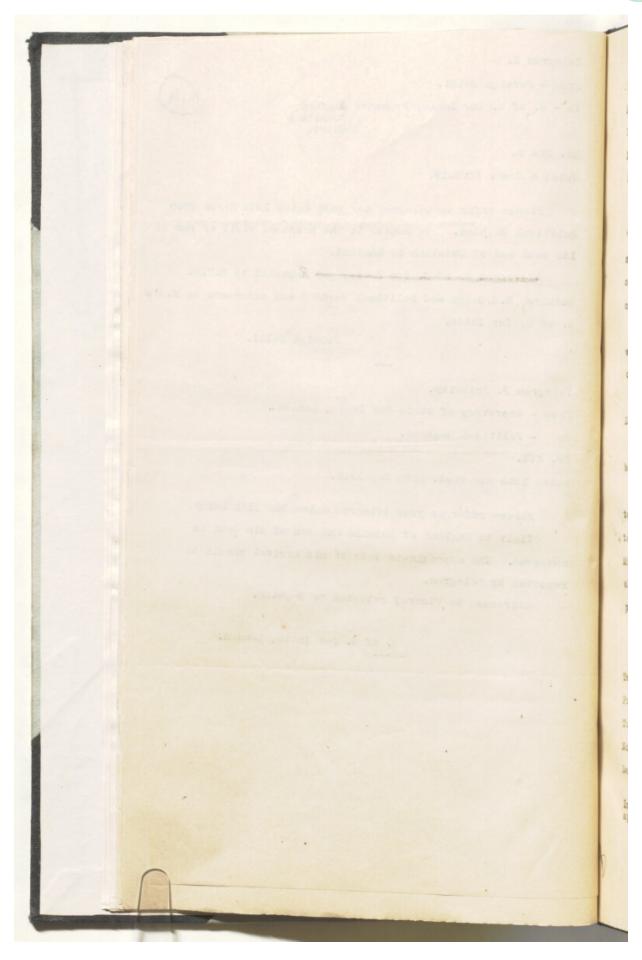
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Telegram X. From - Foreign Delhi. To - S. of S. for India, repeated Beginded, Csiro. No. 324 S. Dated & Recd. 15.3.19. Please refer to telegram No. 2898 dated 13th March from Political Baghdad. We concur in the proposed visit of son of Ibn Saud and of Abdullah to England. Altropped J. of J. for Indie, and Repeated to D.P.R. Bushire, H.C. Cairo and Political Baghdad and addressed to H.M's S. of S. for India. Poreign Delhi. Telegram P. Priority. From - Secretary of State for India, London. To - Political Saghand. No. Hil. Dated 12th and rood. 13th May 1919. Please refer to your telegram dated the 11th March. Visit to England of Abdulla and son of Bin Saud is approved. The approximate date of his arrival should be reported by telegram. Addressed to Viceroy repeated to Baghaad. 3. of 3. for India, London.







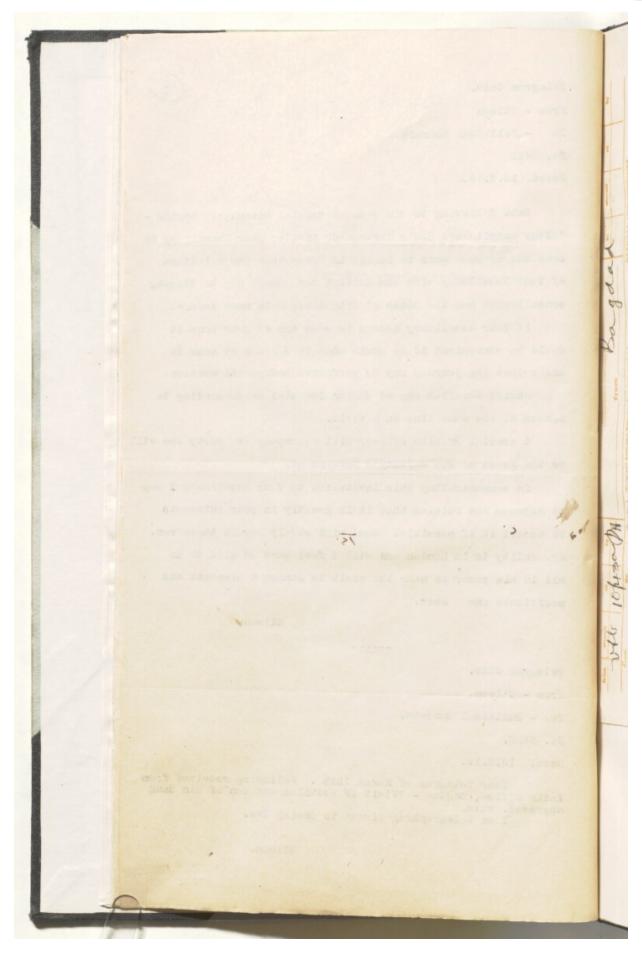
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. Telegram Code. From - Wilson To - Political Bahrain. No. 5421 Dated. 13.5.19. Send following to Bin Saud by special messenger begins -"After compliments H.M's Government invites your Excellency to send one of your sons to London in order that the relations of Your Excellency with the British Government may be thereby consolidated and the bonds of friendship made more secure. If Your Excellency agrees to send one of your sons it would be convenient if he could come to Behrain at once in order that the journey may be performed before the monsoon. Shaikh Abdullah son of Shaikh Isa will be proceeding to London at the same time on a visit. A special British officer will accompany the party who will be the guest of His Majesty's Government. In communicating this invitation to Your Excellency I beg to express the opinion that it is greatly in your interests a to accept it if possible. Good will surely result there rom. Mr. Philby is in London and will I feel sure be glad to do all in his power to make the visit to London a pleasant and profitable one onds. Wilson Telegram Code. From - Wilson. To - Political Bahrain. No. 5422. Date. 13.5.19. Your telegram of March 12th . Following received from India Office, begins - "Visit of Abdullah and son of Bin Saud approved. ends. I am telegraphing direct to Shaikh Isa. Wilson.

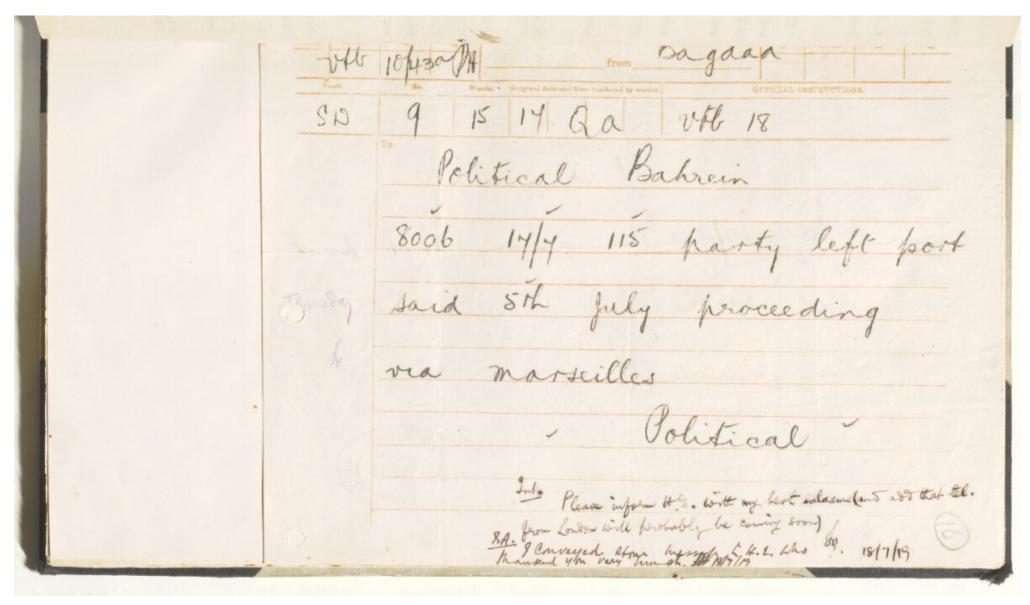
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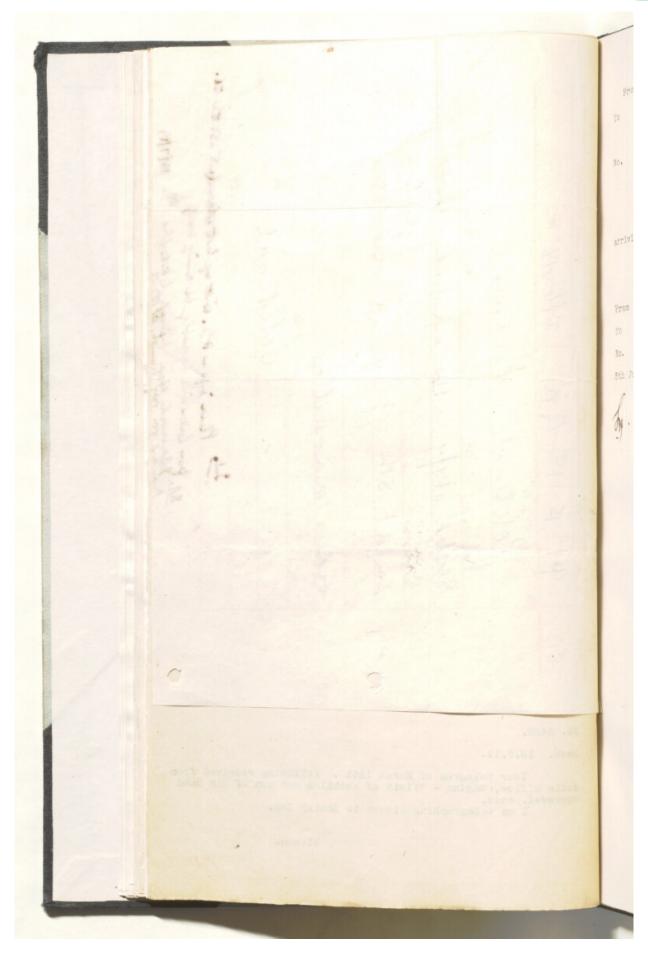






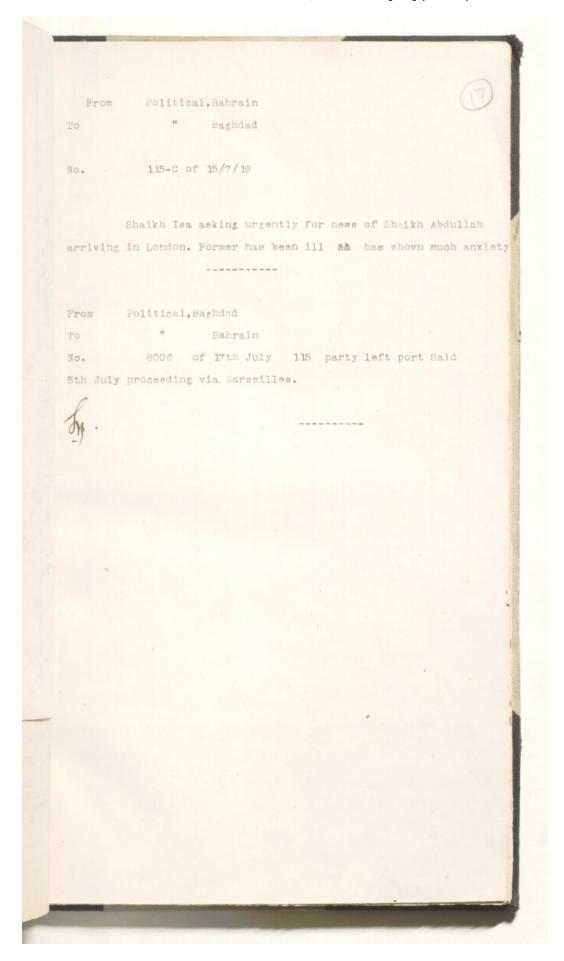
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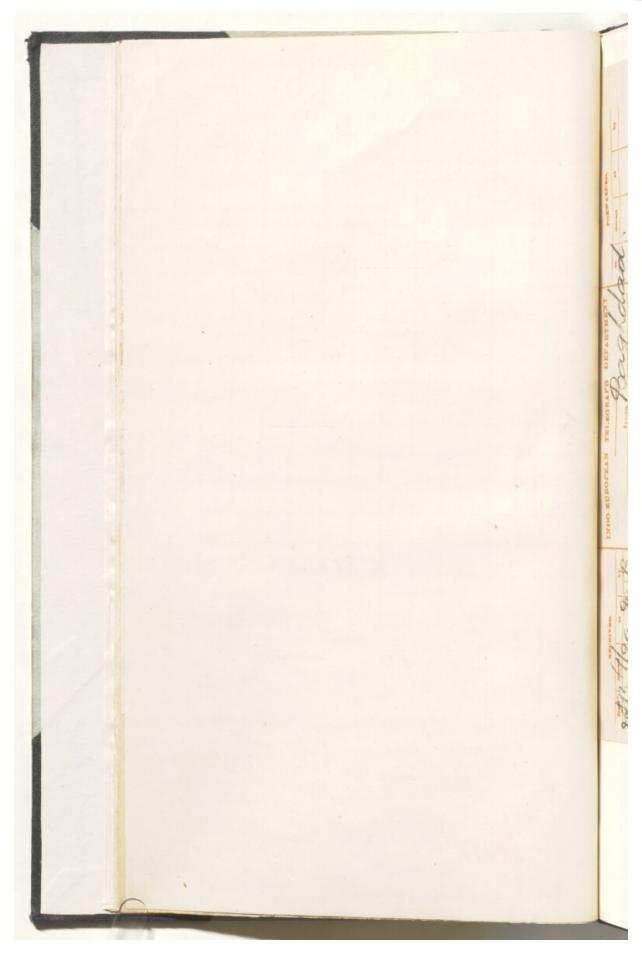
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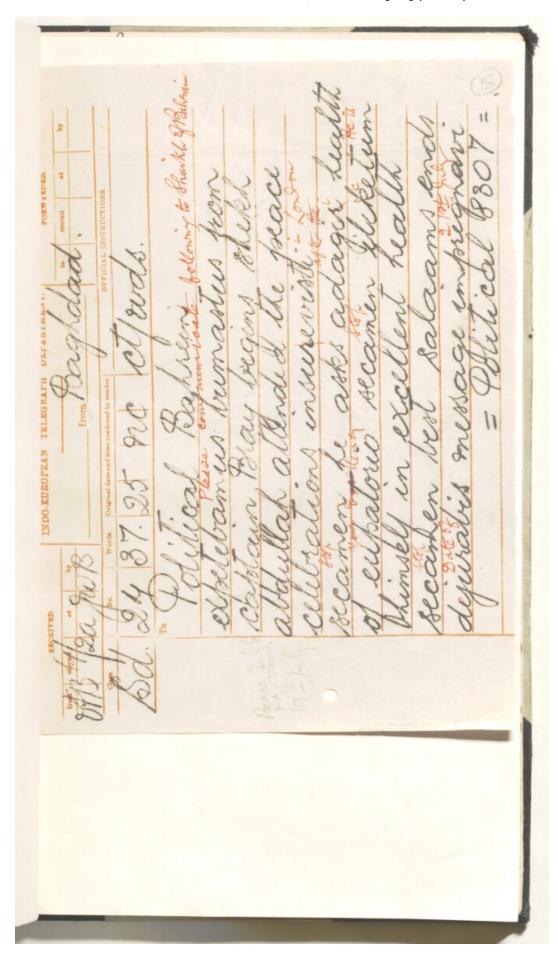
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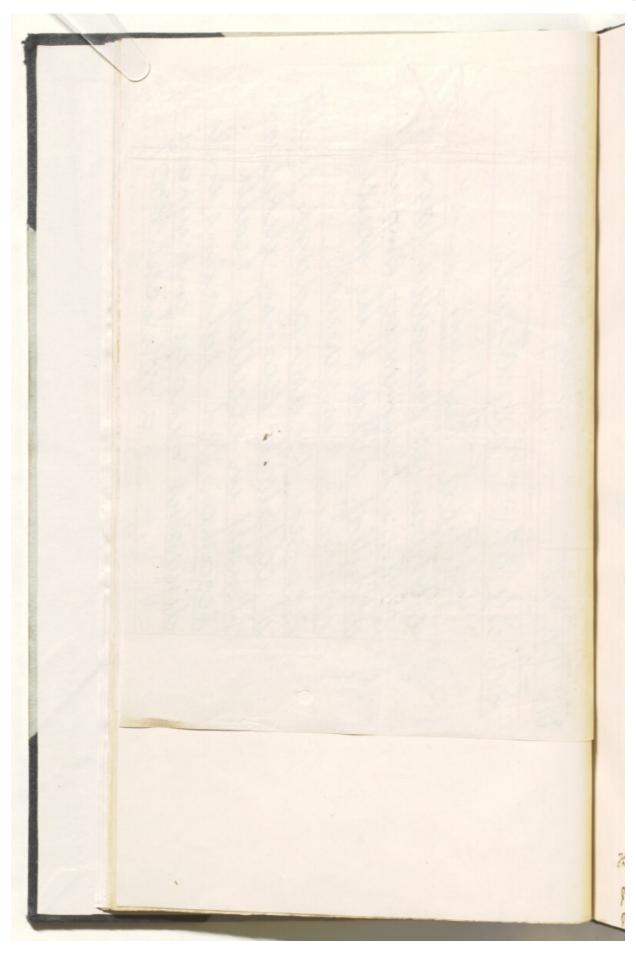




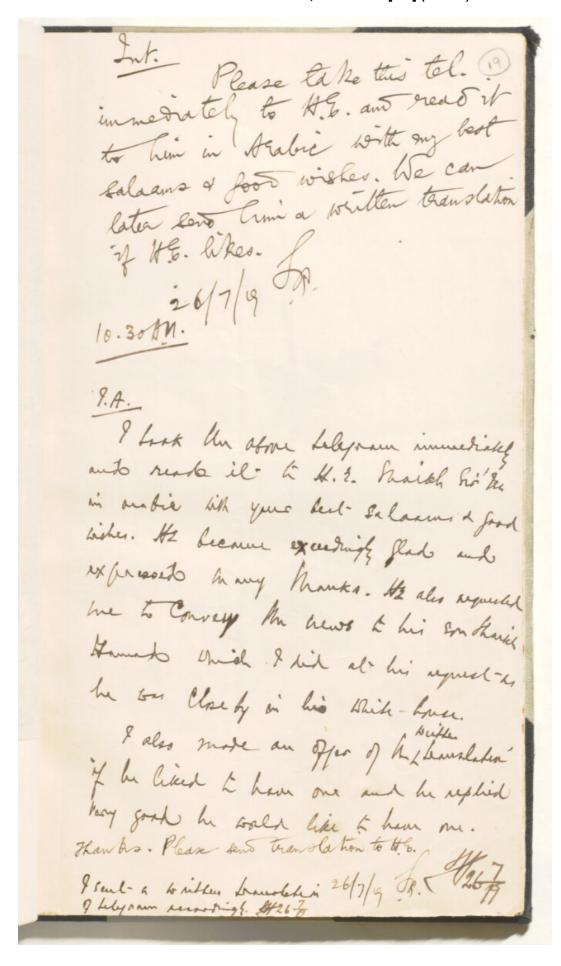


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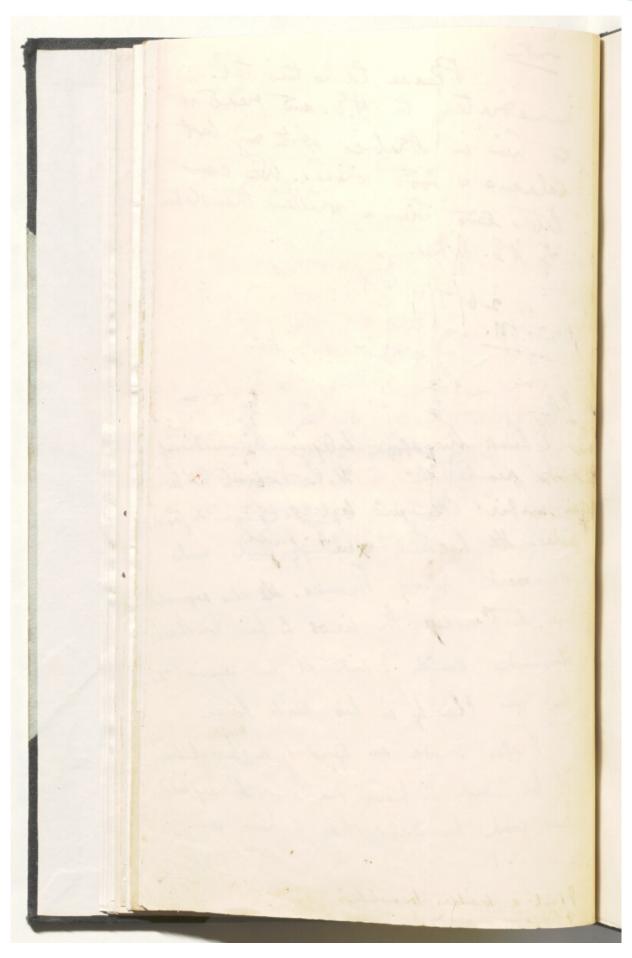






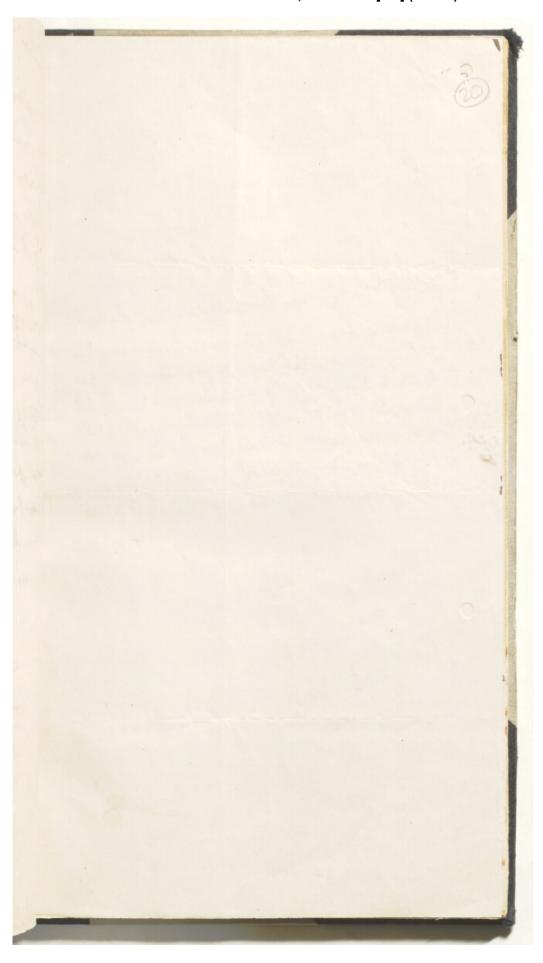






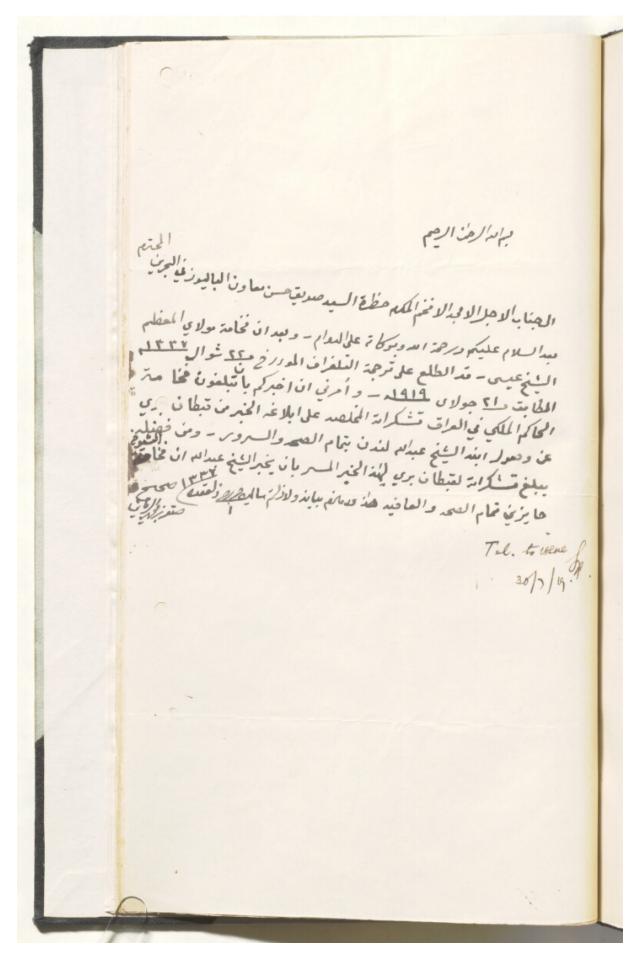


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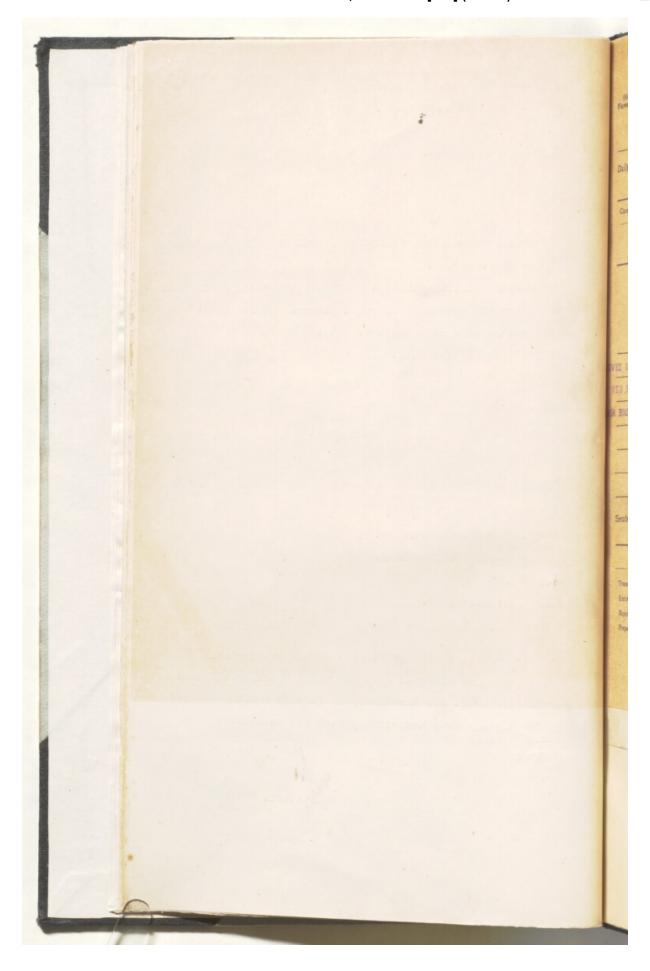
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Telegram From - Political, Baghdad. To - Political, Bahrain. No.8307 Dated 31st July 1919. Please communicate following to Shaikh of Bahrain from Captain Bray. Begins. Shaikh Abdullah attended the peace celebrations in London. Asks after the health of Your Excellency. He is himself in excellent health. Best salaams. Ends. Date of Message 21st July. Political. Telegram From - Political, Bahrain. To - Political, Baghdad. No.125-C. Dated 31st July 1919. Your 8307. Shaikh of Bahrain thanks you cordially for transmitting to him good news of Shaikh Abdullah and good health of Captain Bray. His Excellency is in good health begs you to inform Captain Bray accordingly with his salaams. Political.







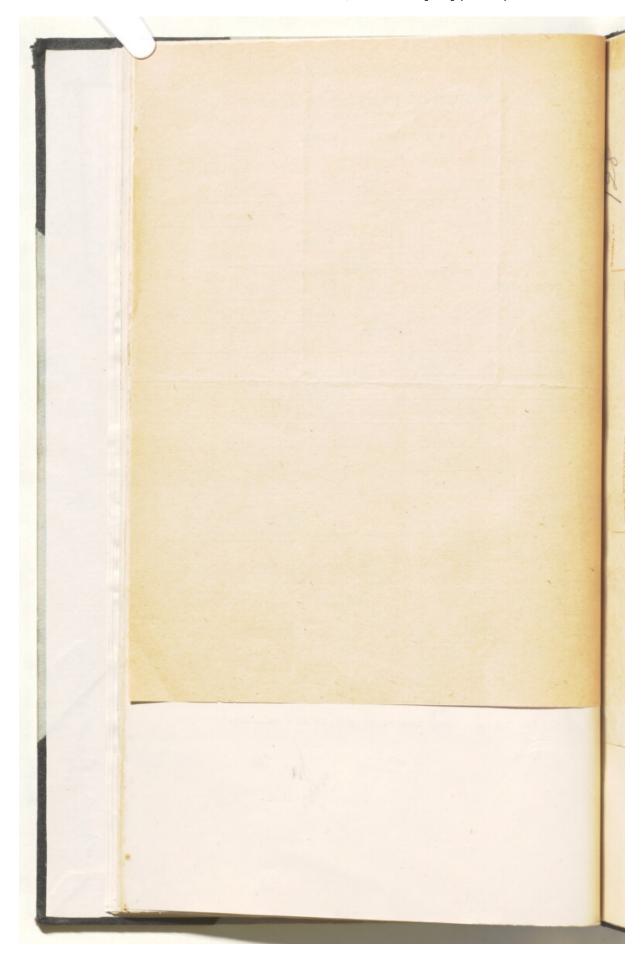


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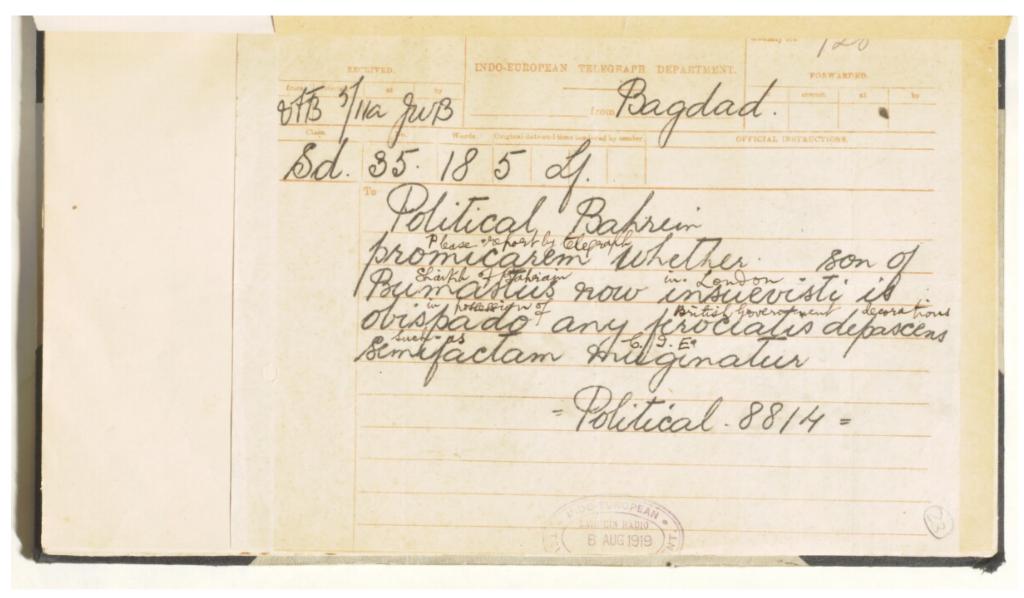


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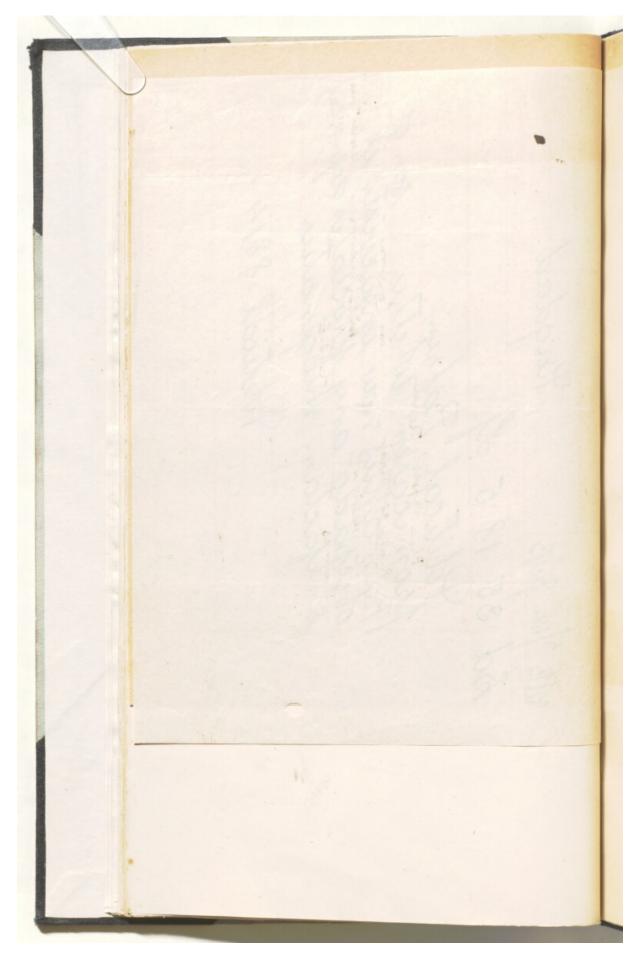






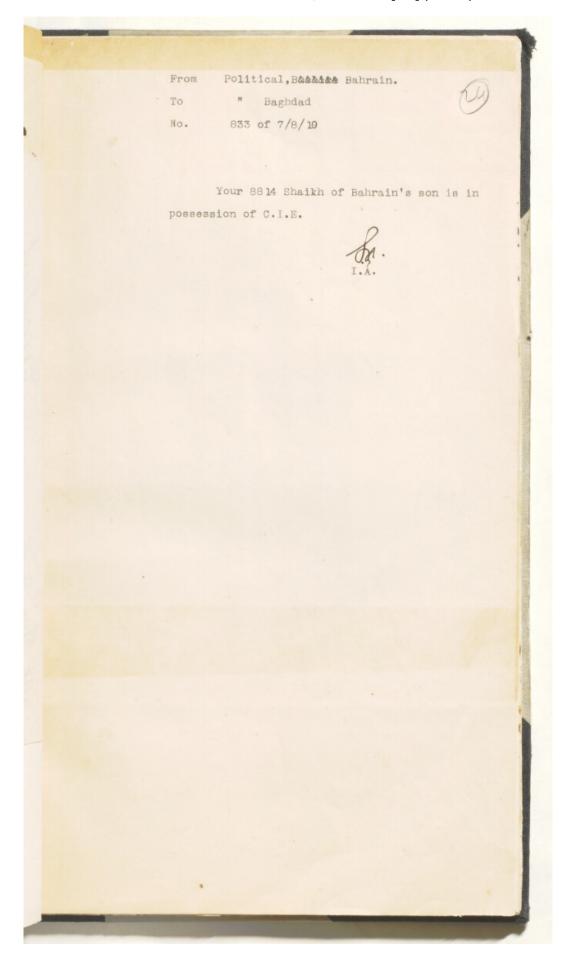






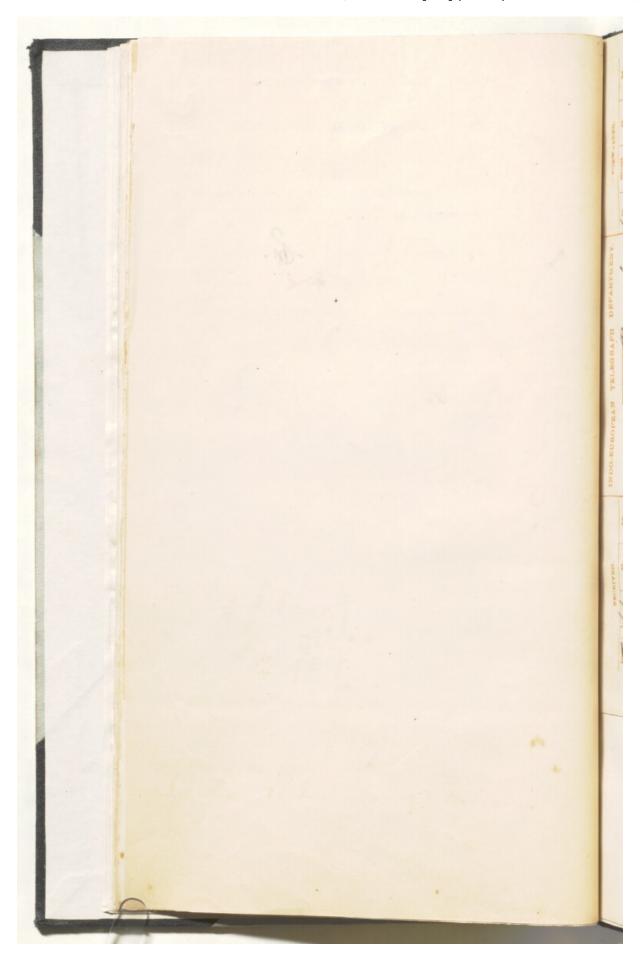


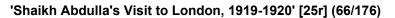
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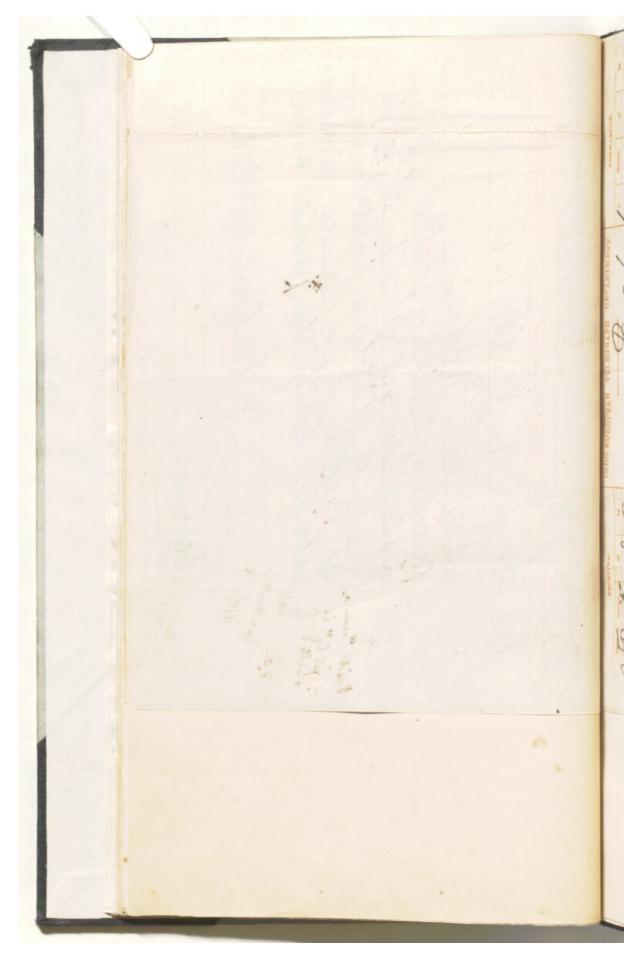


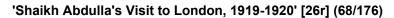


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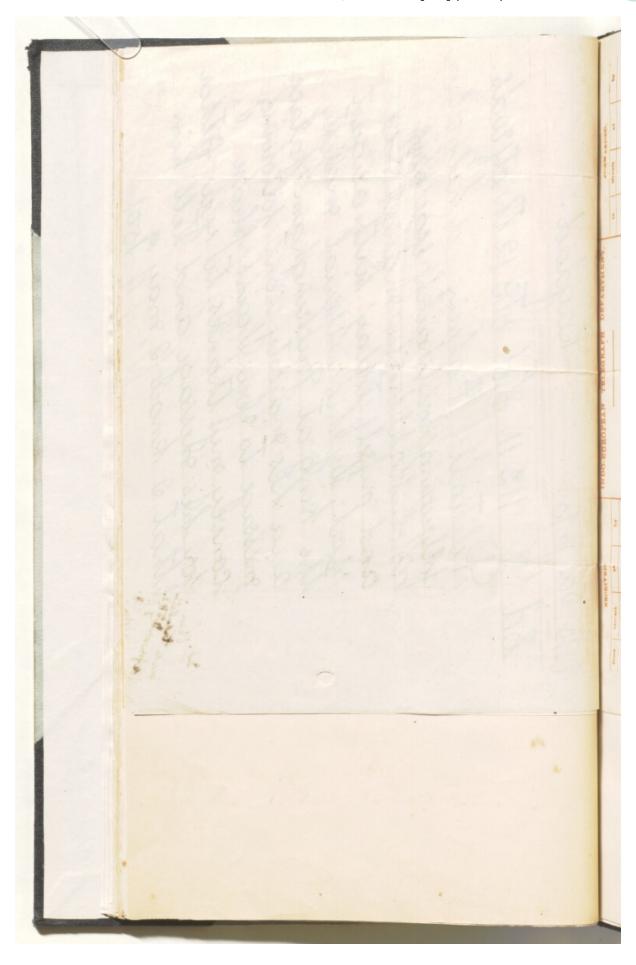




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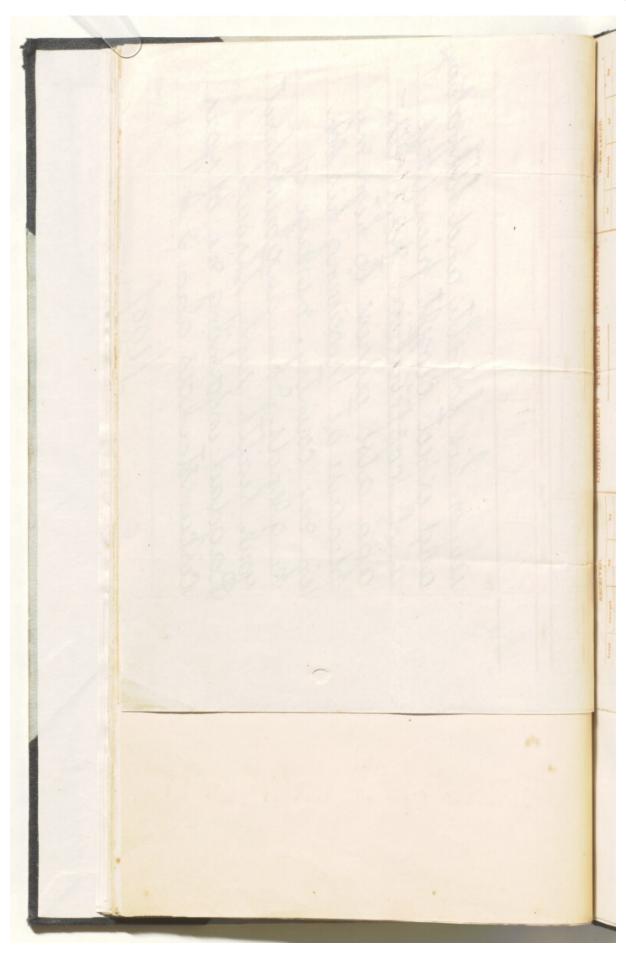


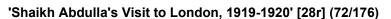


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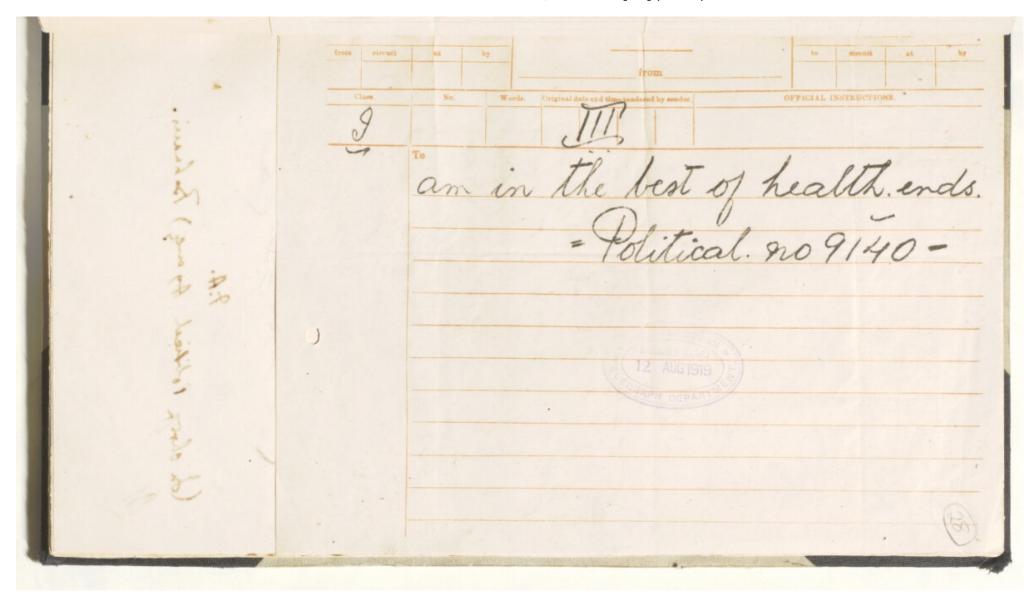






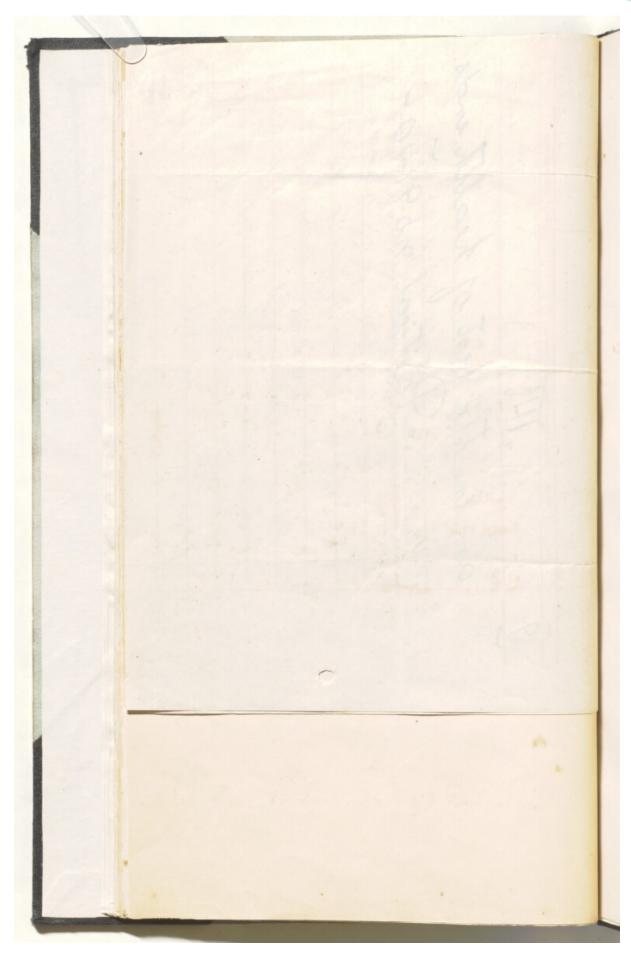






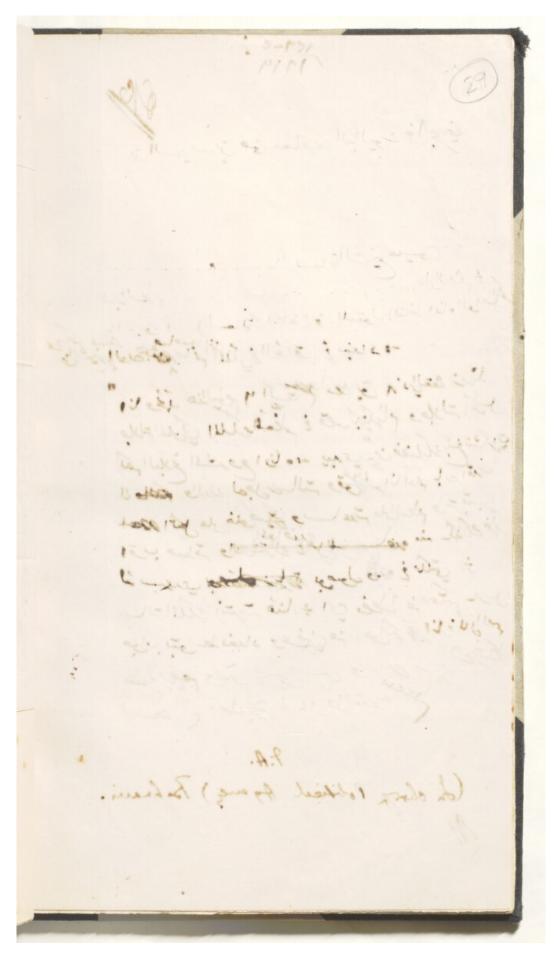


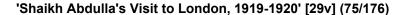




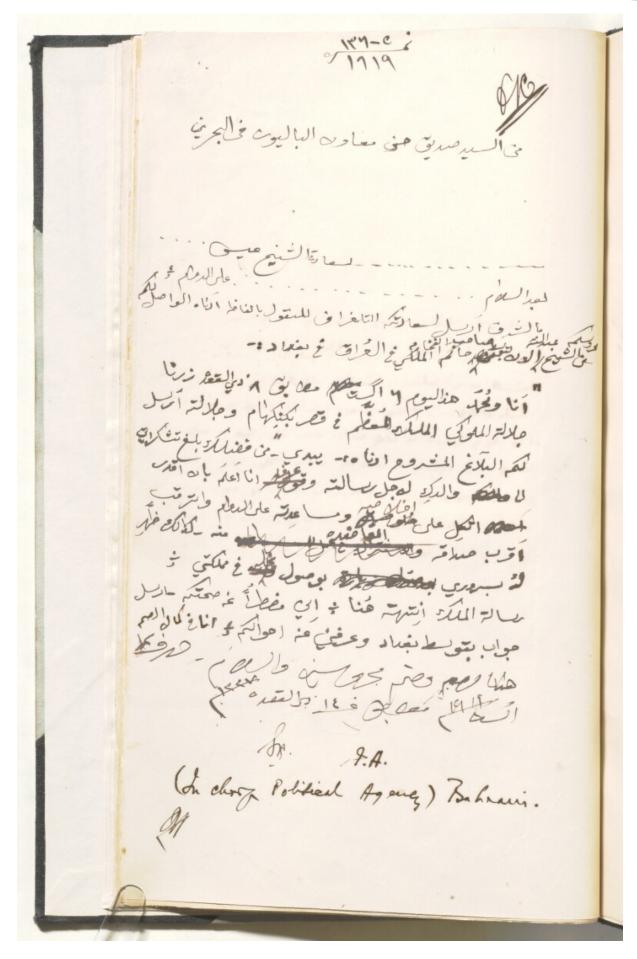






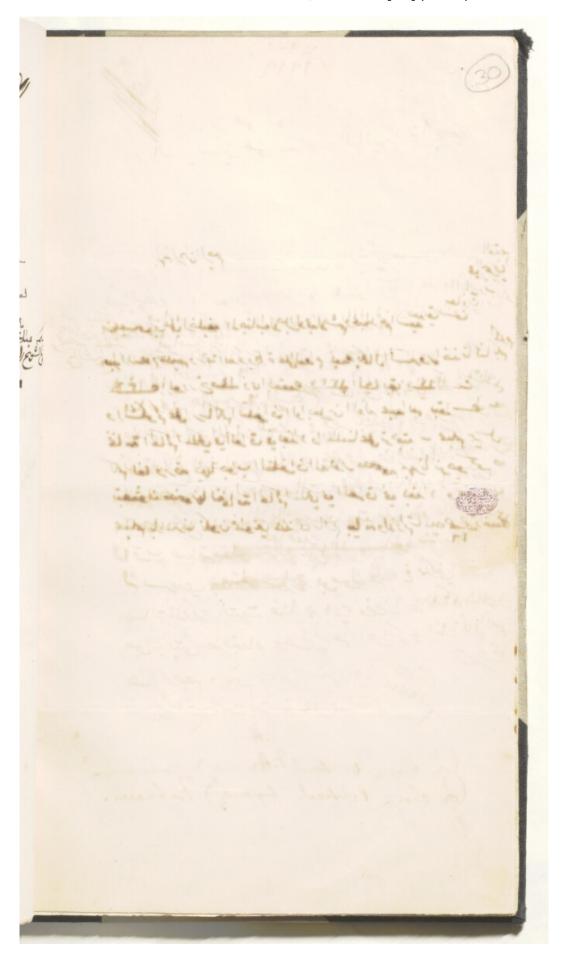


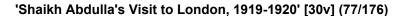




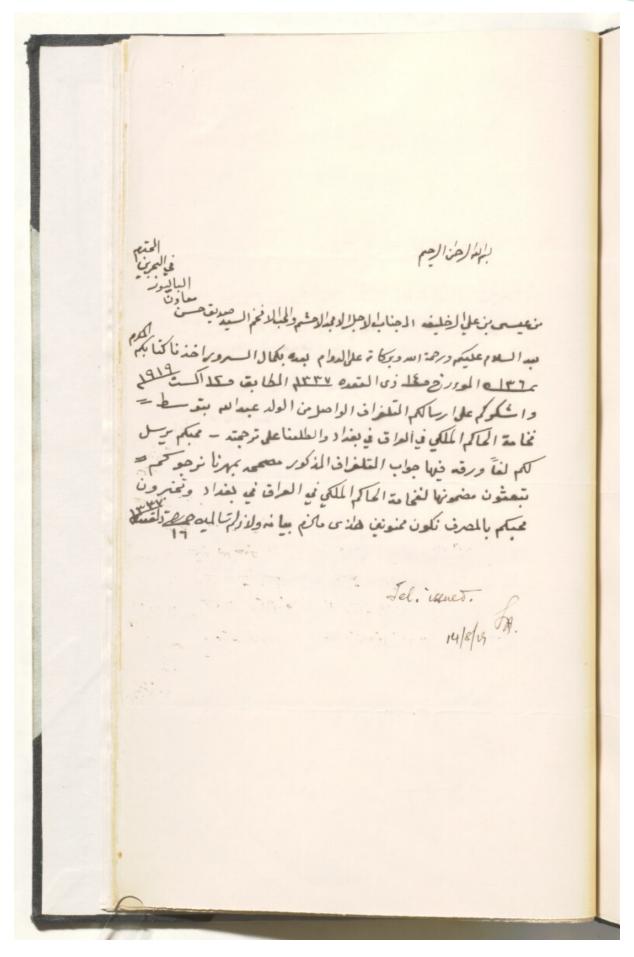






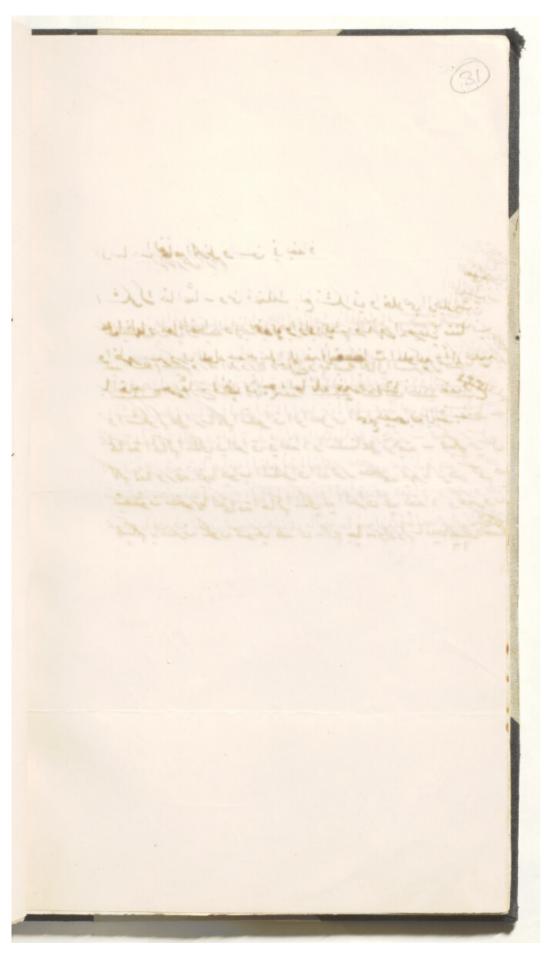






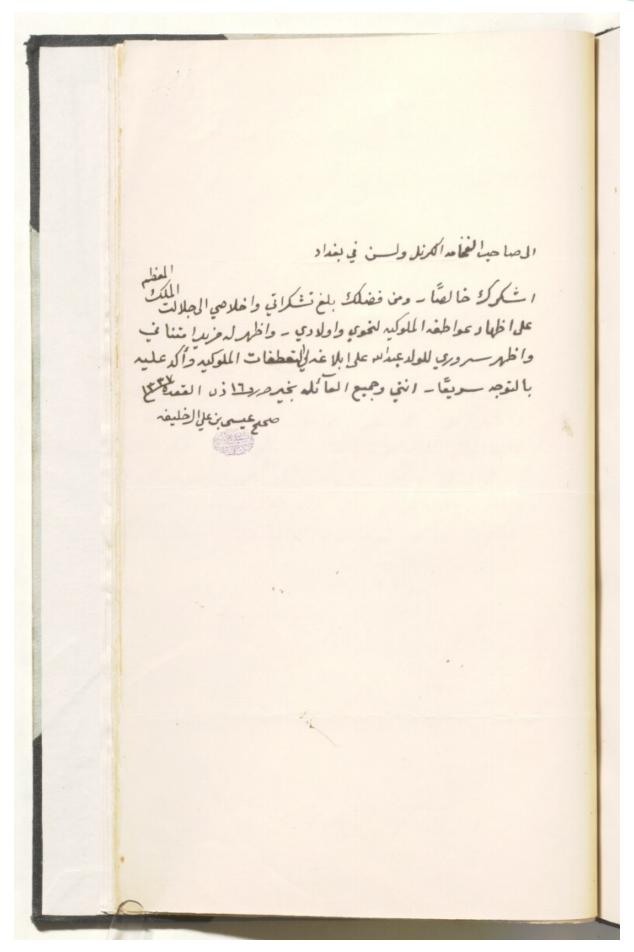






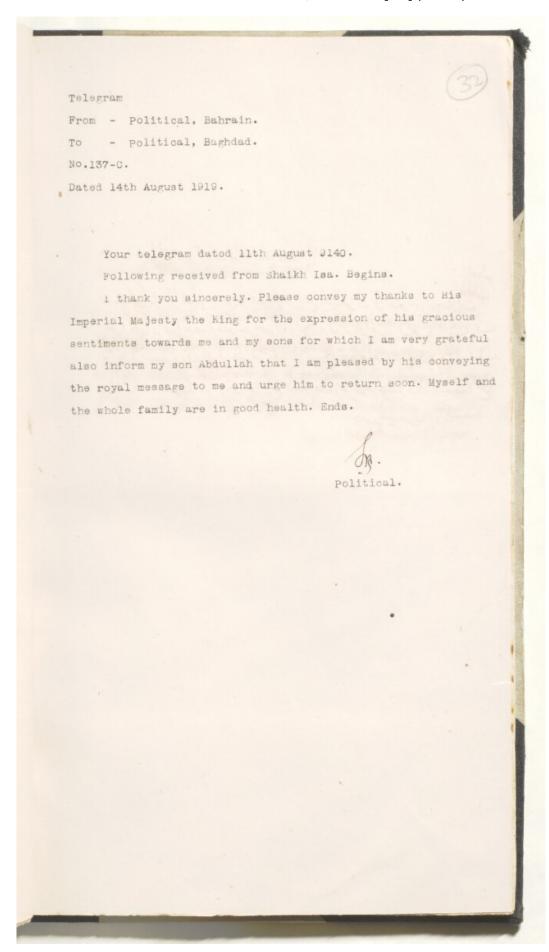






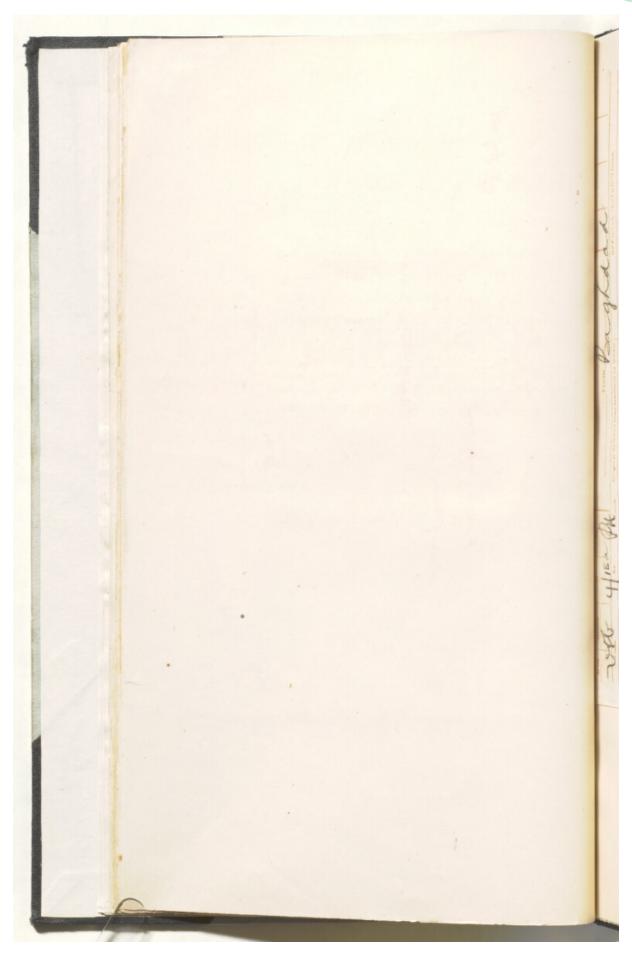






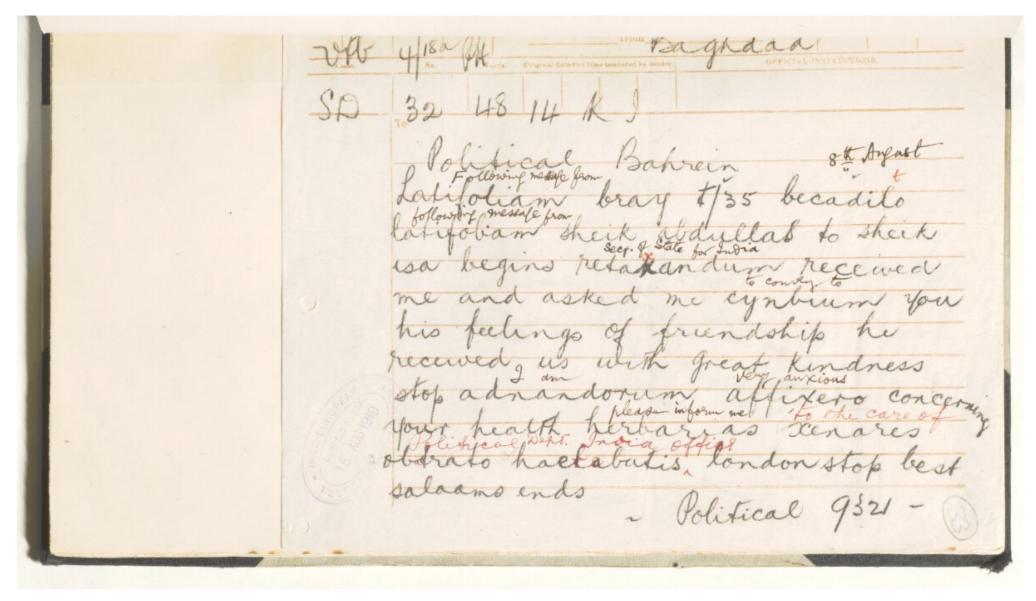






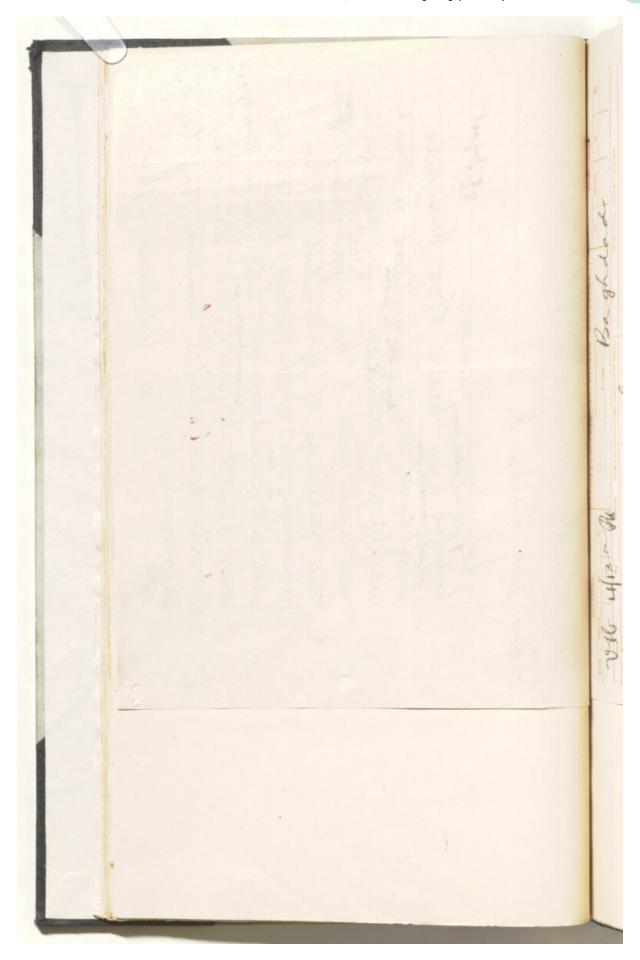






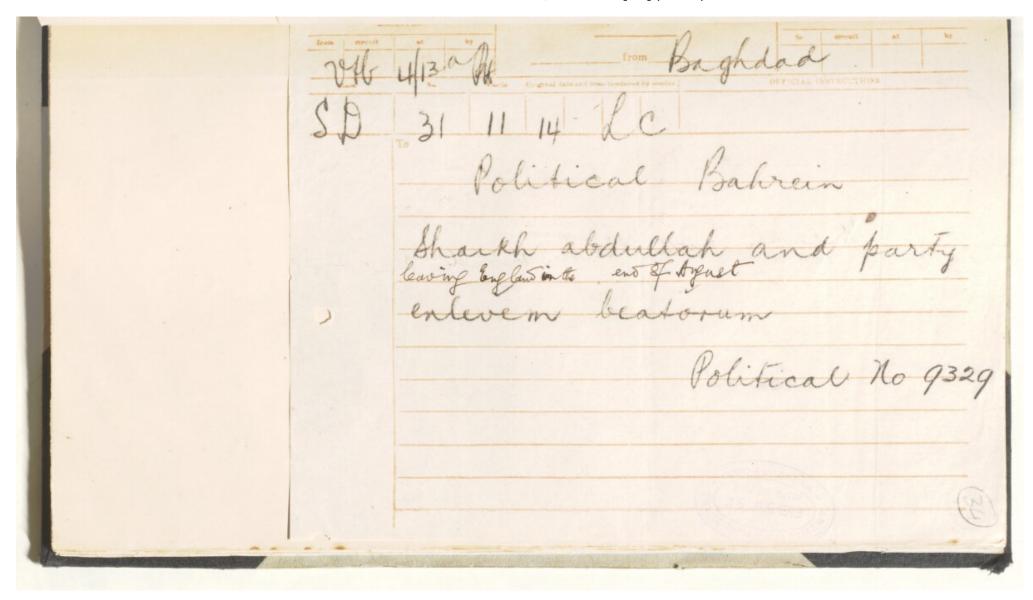






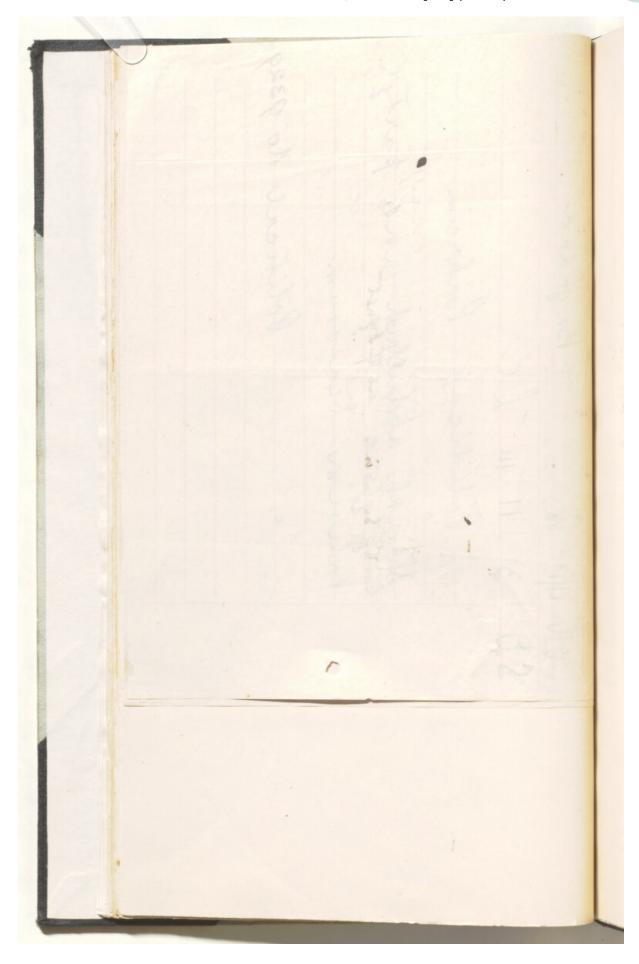


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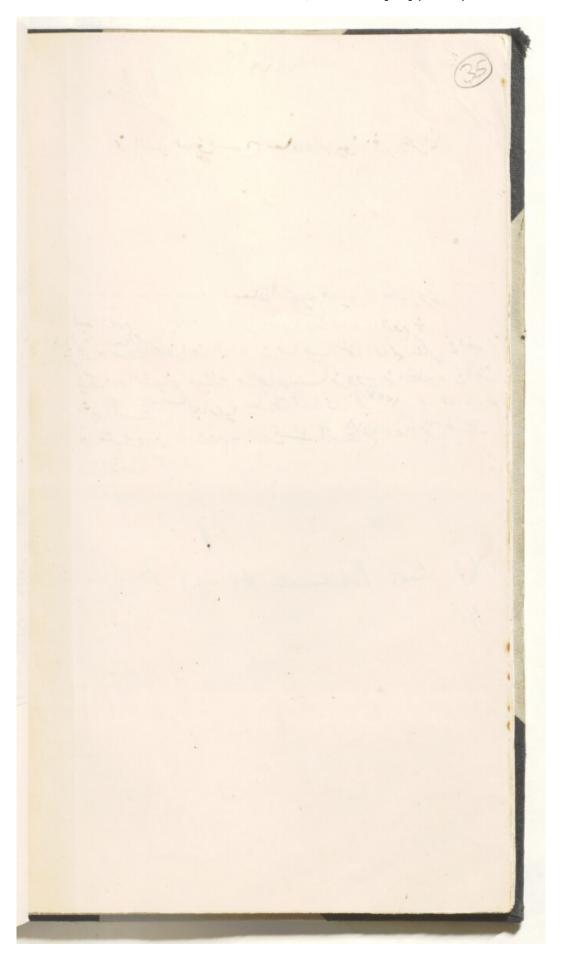






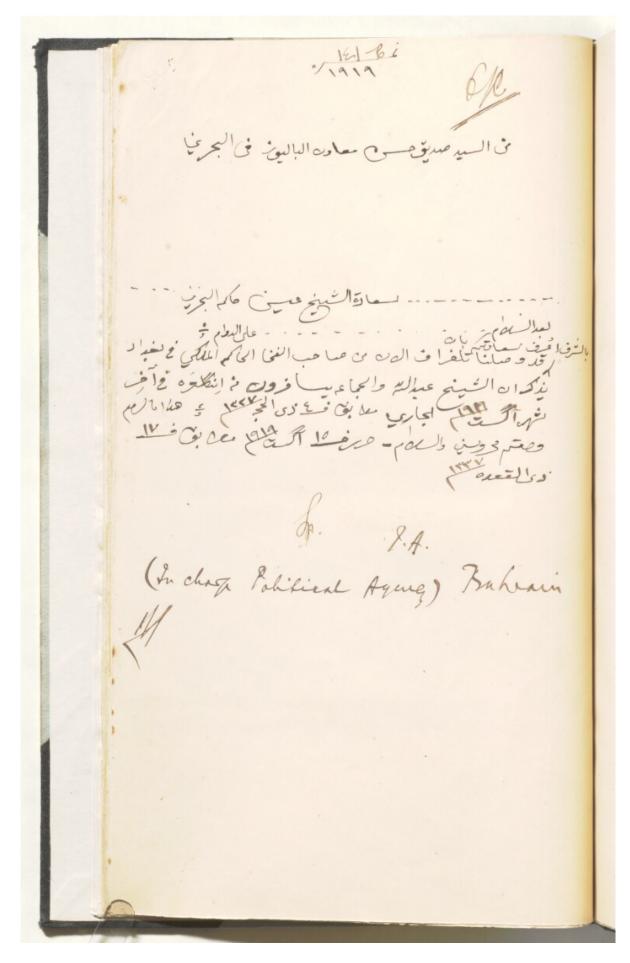


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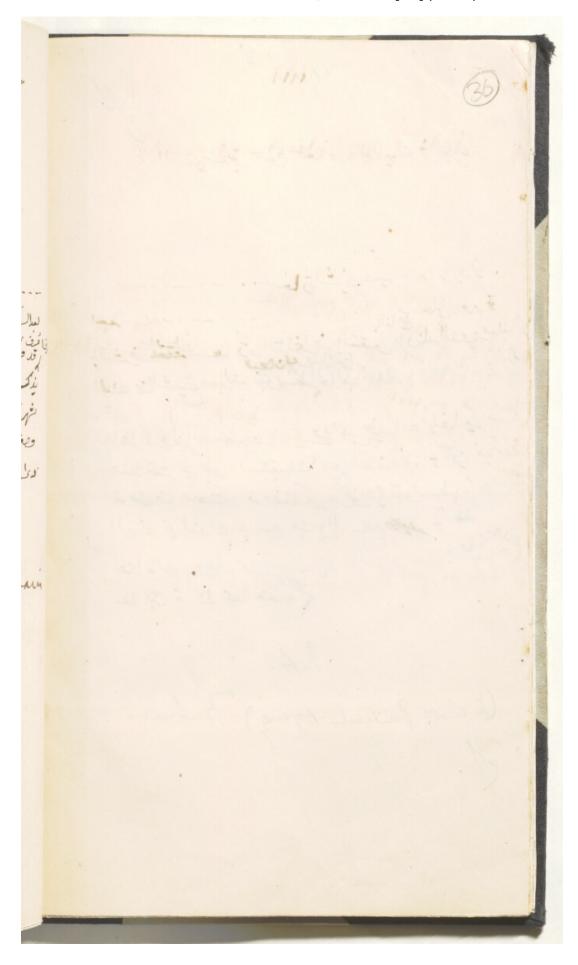






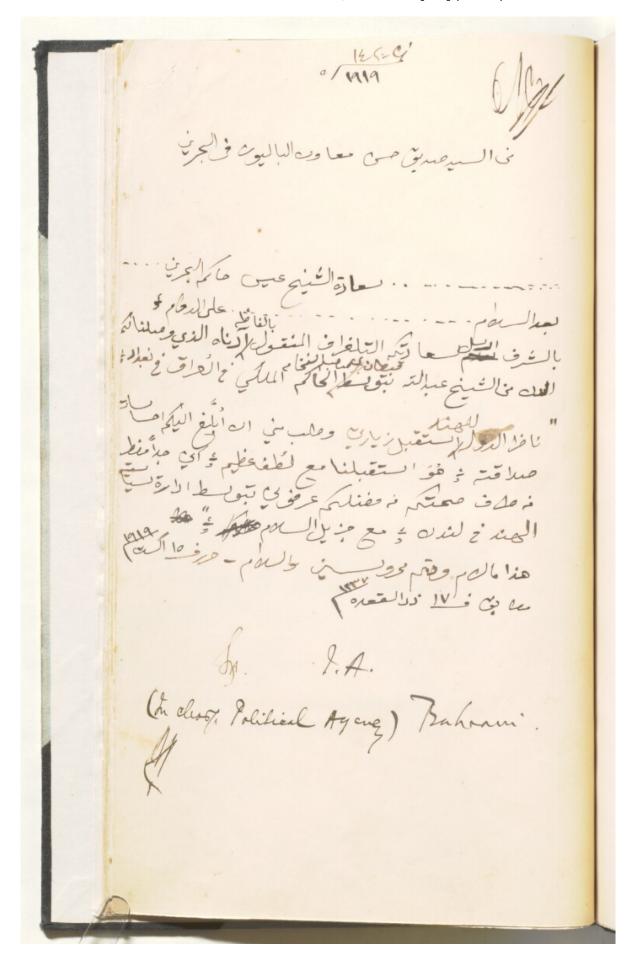


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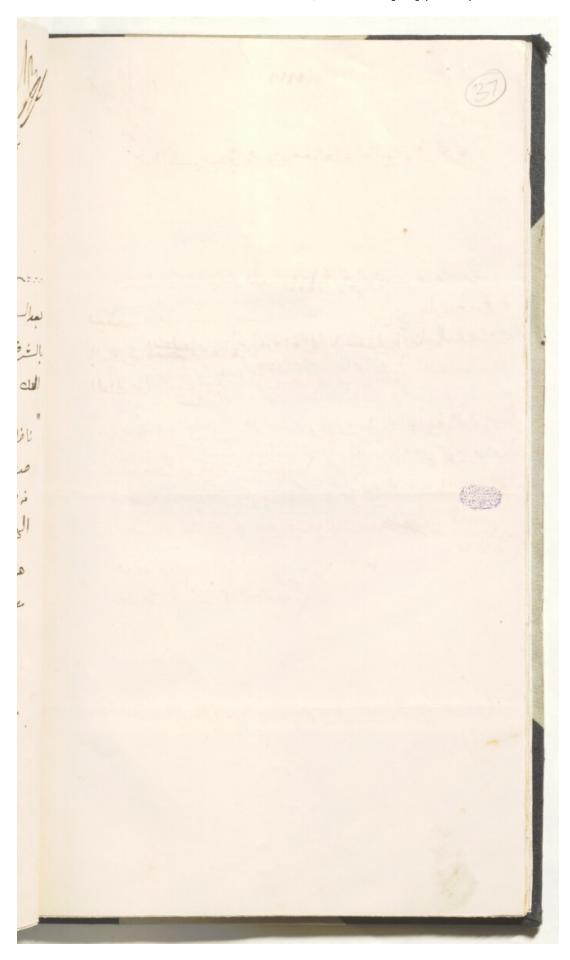






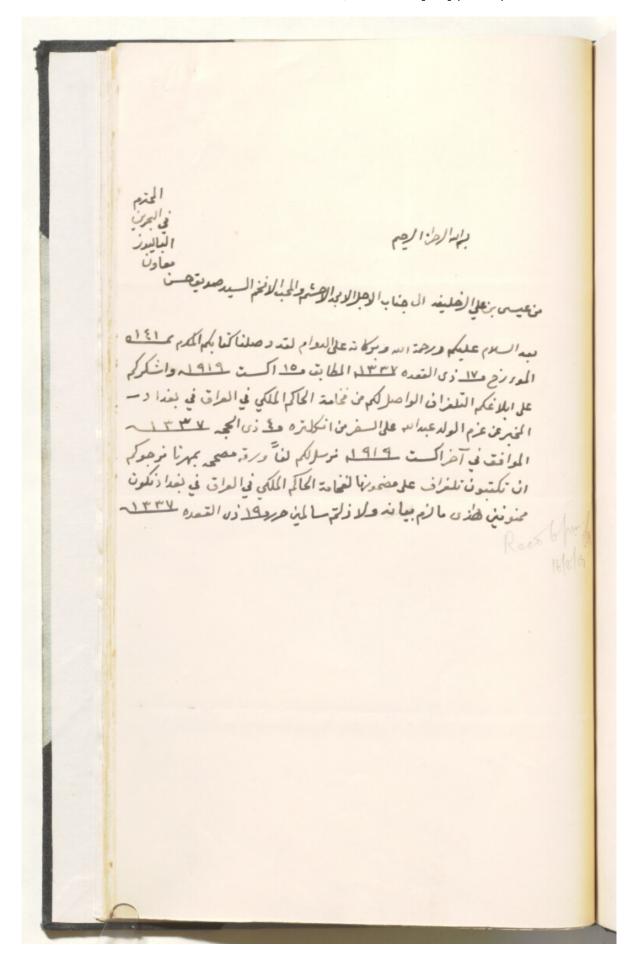


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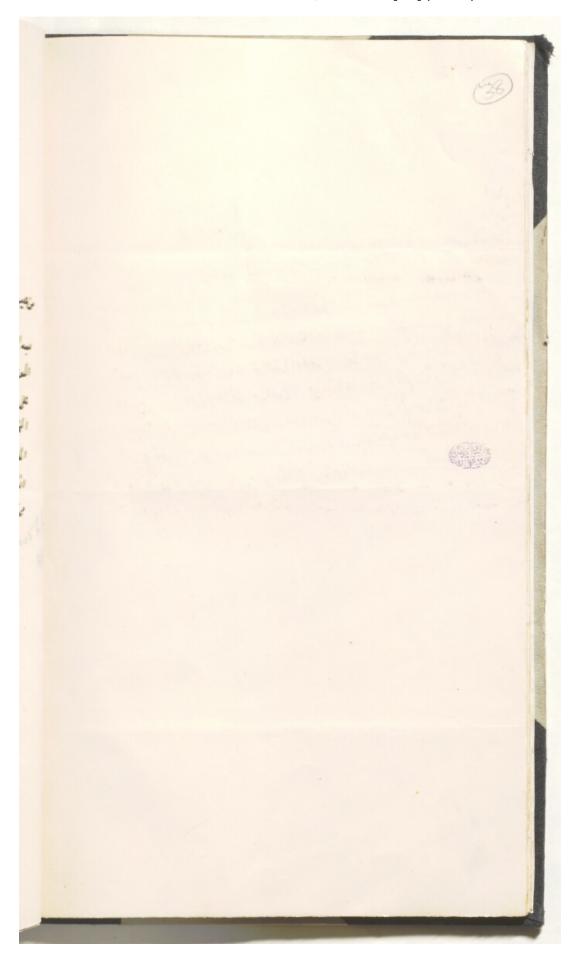






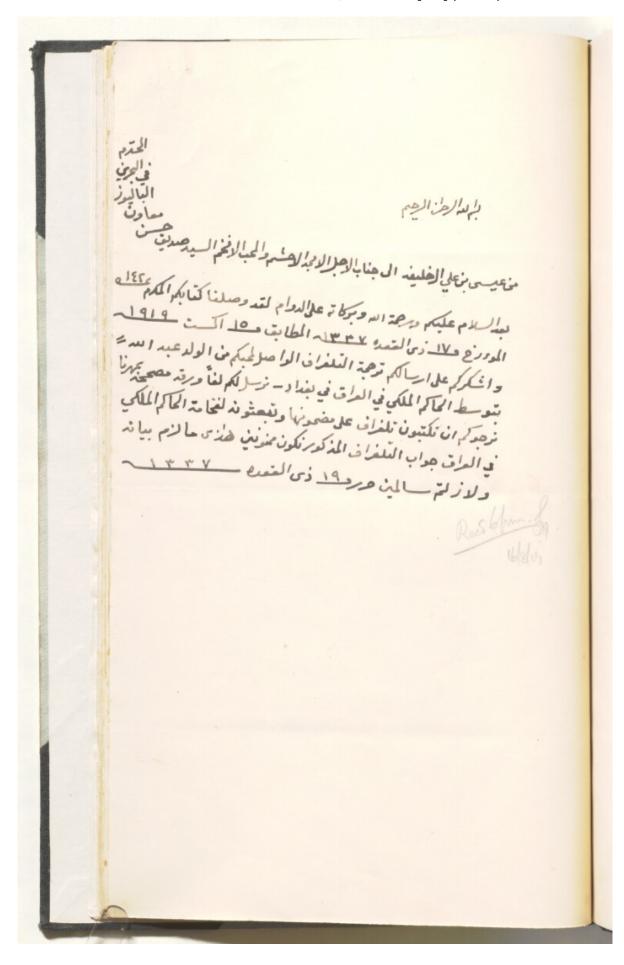


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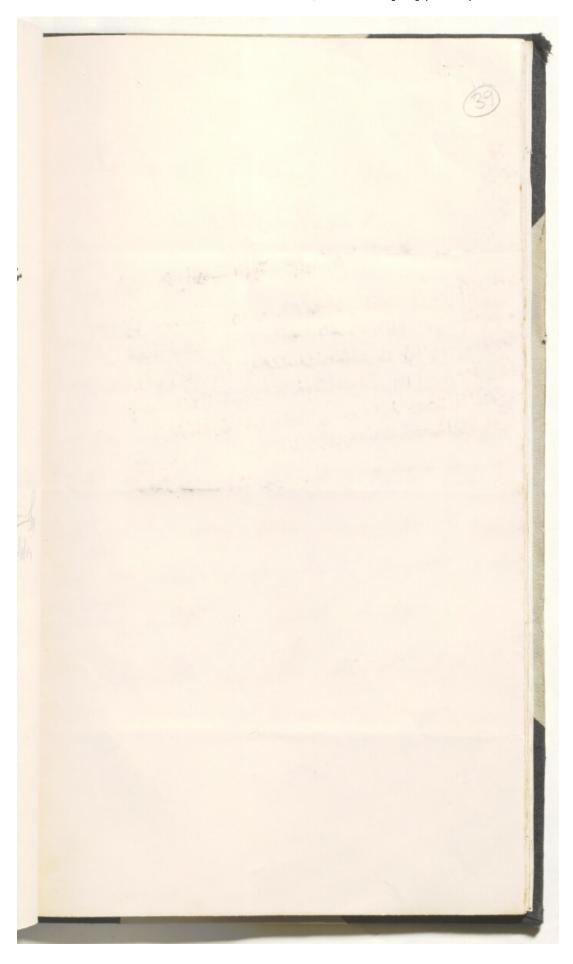






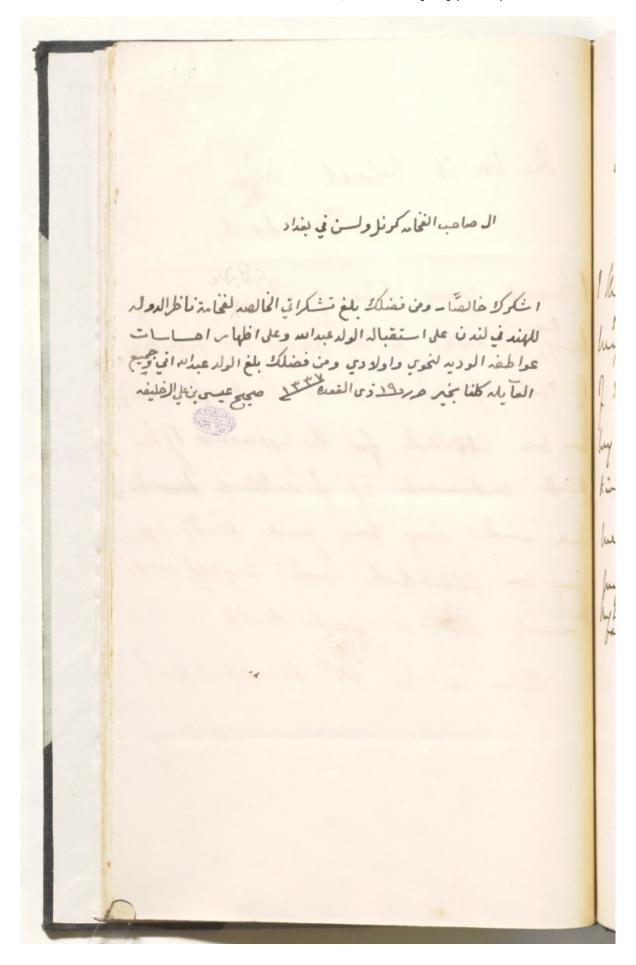


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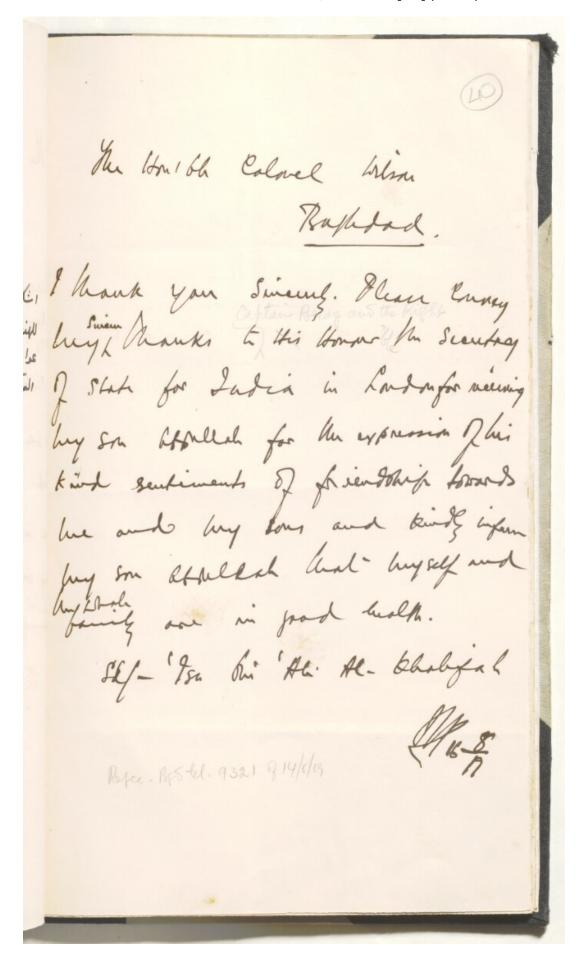






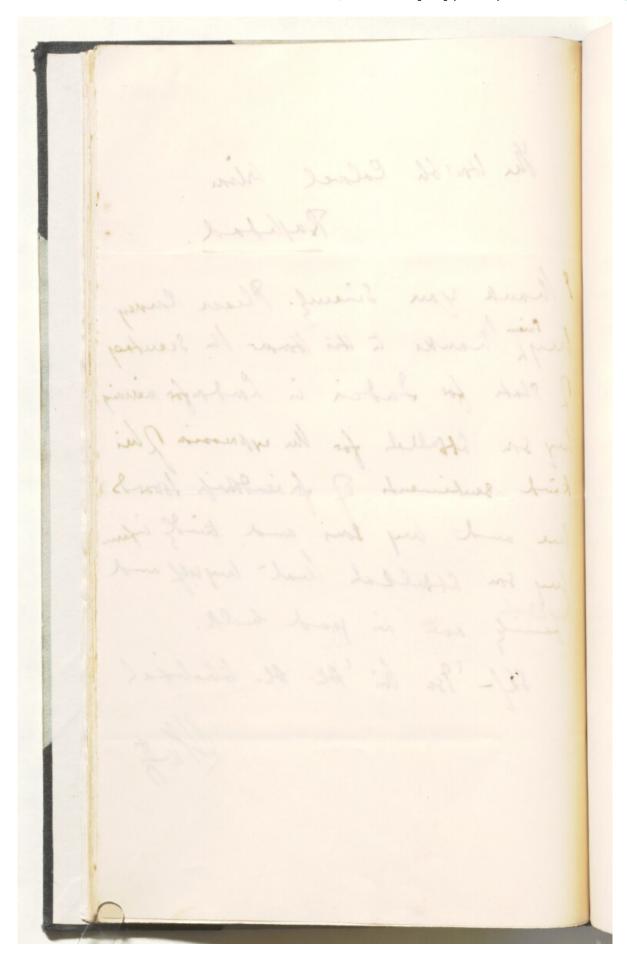






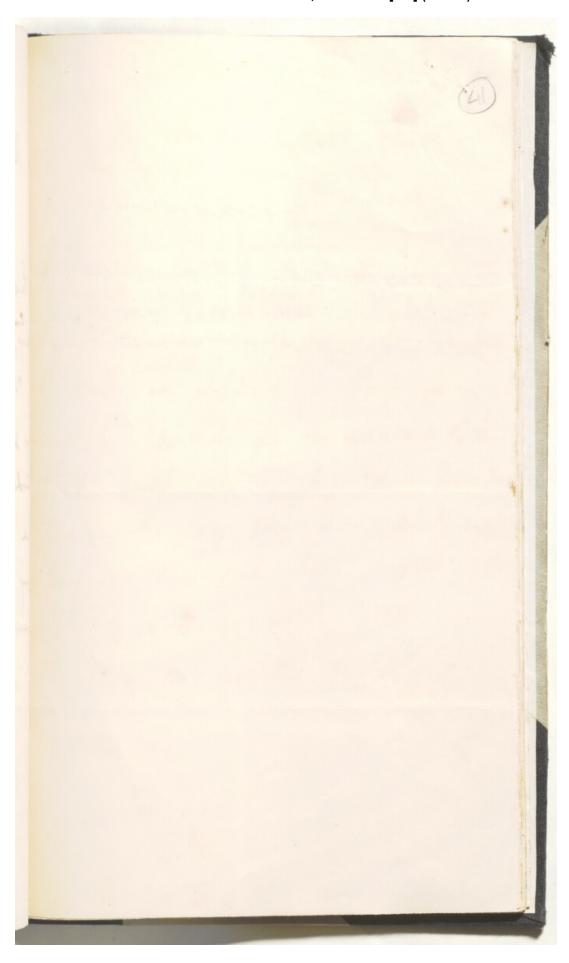






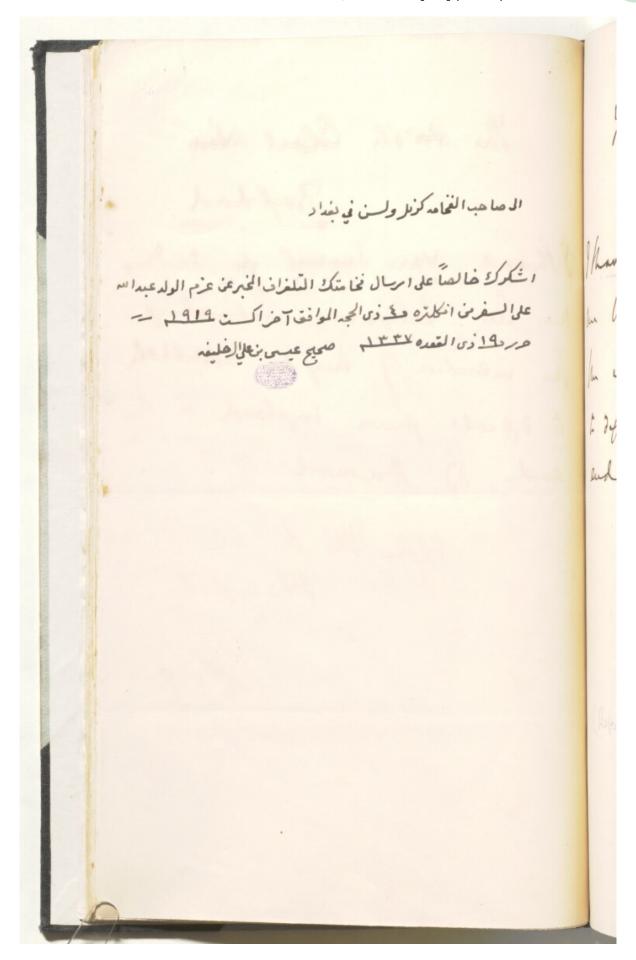


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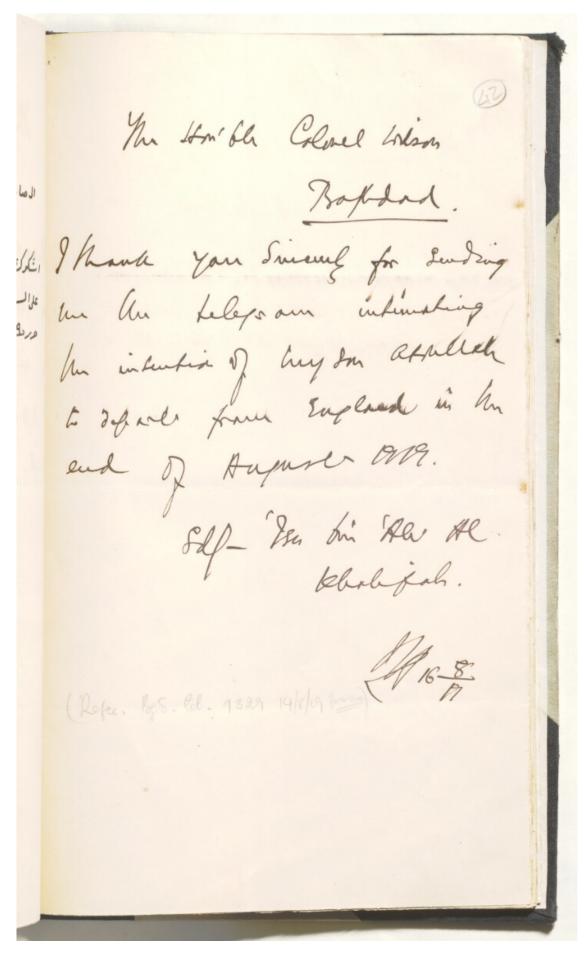






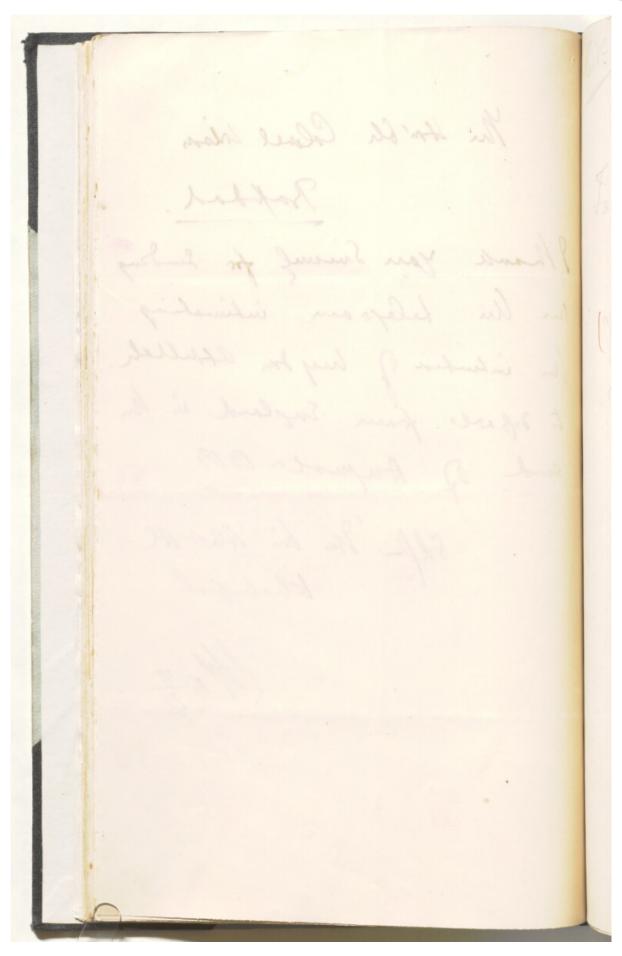


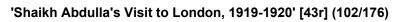




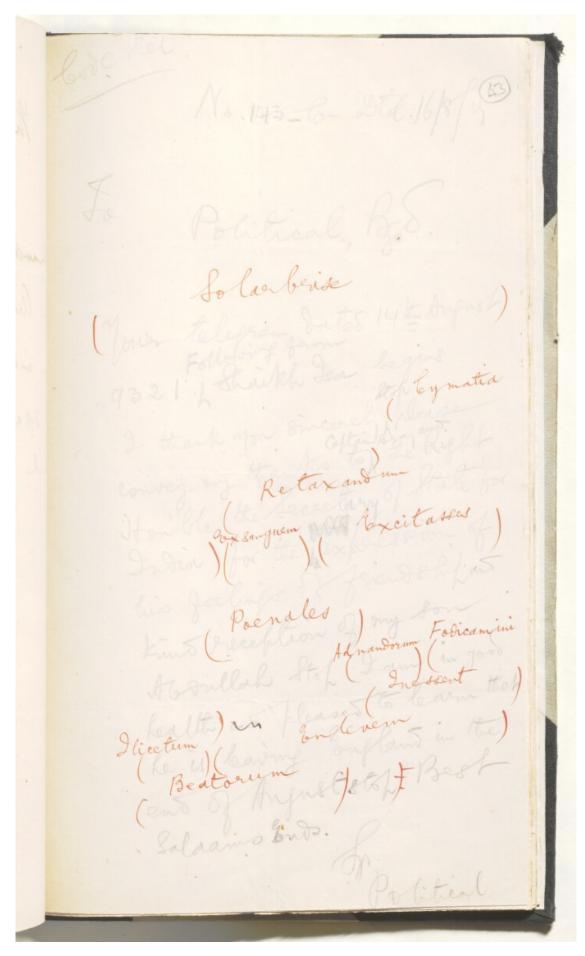






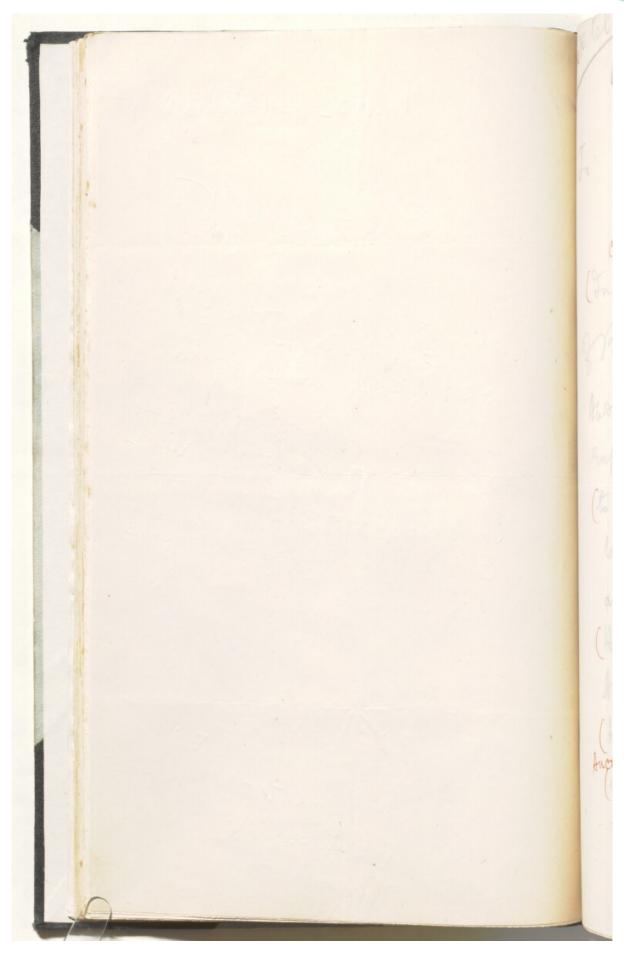






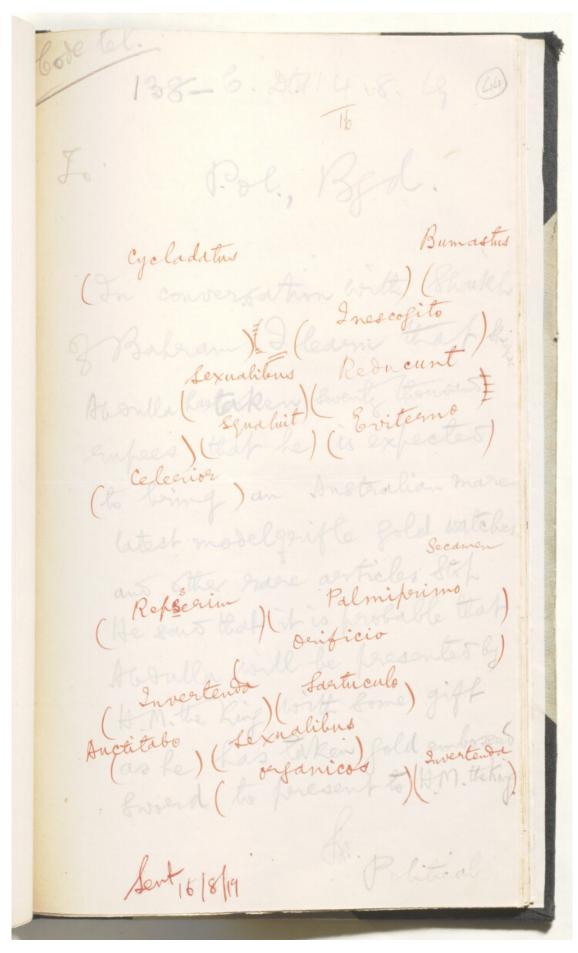
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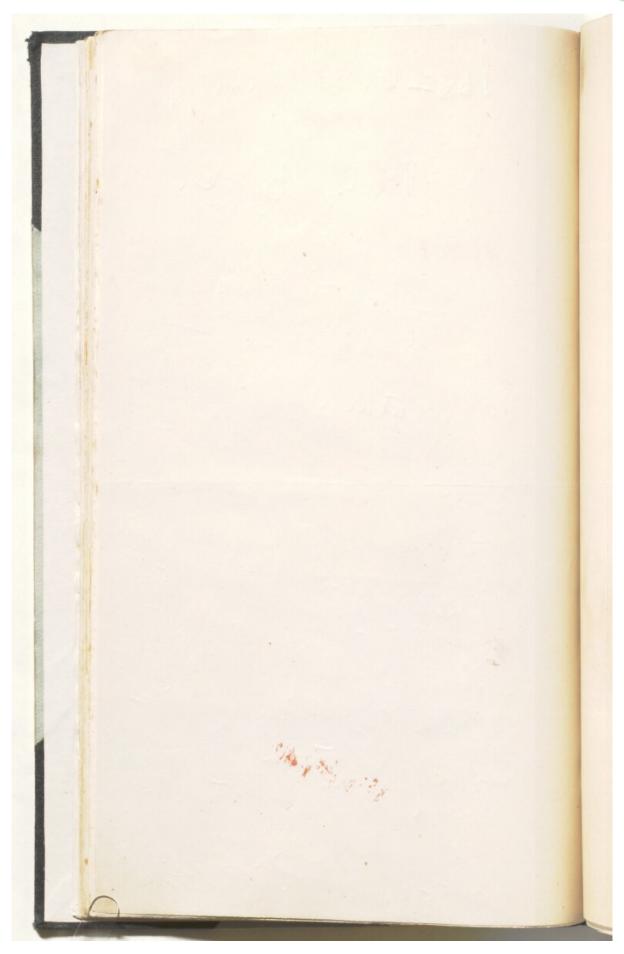






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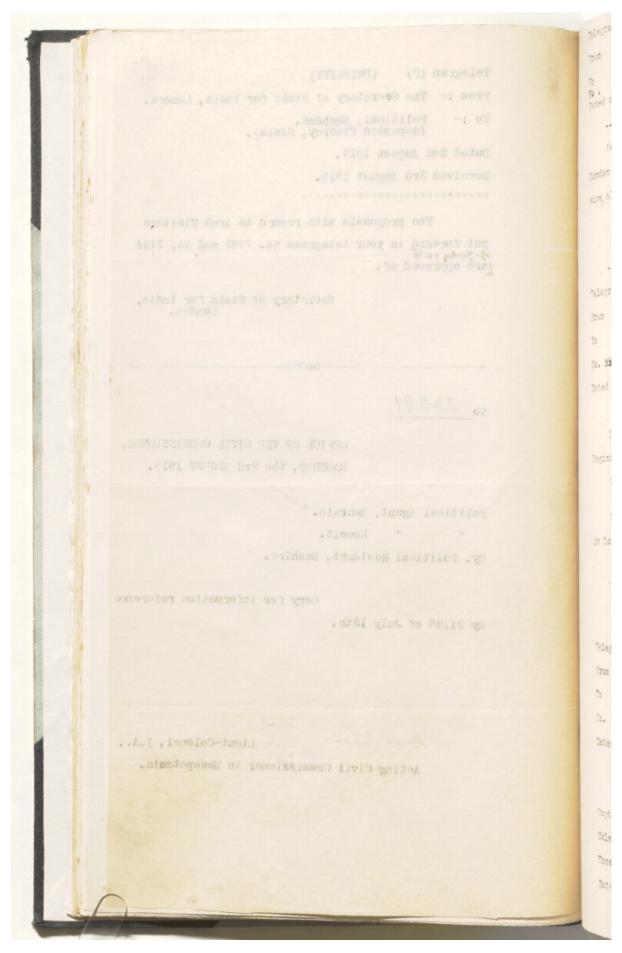
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	To :- Political, Baghdad. (Repeated Viceroy, Simla).
	Dated 2nd August 1919.
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	The proposals with regard to Arab Visitors
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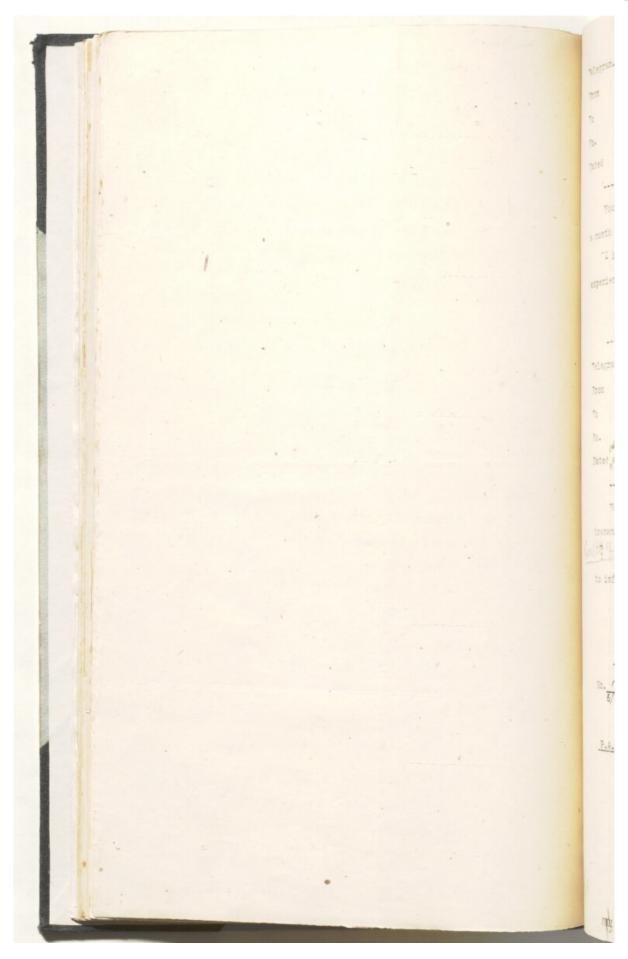
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Telegram. . Isa Bin Ali Alkhaliza, Bahrein. Colonel Wilson, Civil Commissioner, Eaghdad. Dated and received 24th July 1919. Pequent you to kindly enquire regarding arrival in London of my son Abdullah and his health and inform me by wire, also request you to arrange his early return to me. Isa Bin Ali Alkhaliza. Telegram. P. Secretary of State for India, London. From To Political Baghdad, No. Ni Nil. Dated 21st and received 25th July 1919. -----Bray sends the following for the Sheikh of Pahrein. Begins. July 21st Mo.T.30. Shaikh Abdullah asks after Your Excellency's health. He was present at and witnessed the Peace Celebrations in London, and is in best of health. Best wishes . Ends. Secretary of State for India, London. ------Telegram. Code. From Political Baghdad. Political Bahrein. To 8307. No. Dated 25th July 1919. ---------Please communicate following to Sheikh of Bahrein from Captain Bray. Begins. Sheikh Abdullah attended the Peace Celebration in London. He asks after the health of Your Excellency. He is himself in excellent health. Fest salams. Date of message 21st July. Political Baghdad.

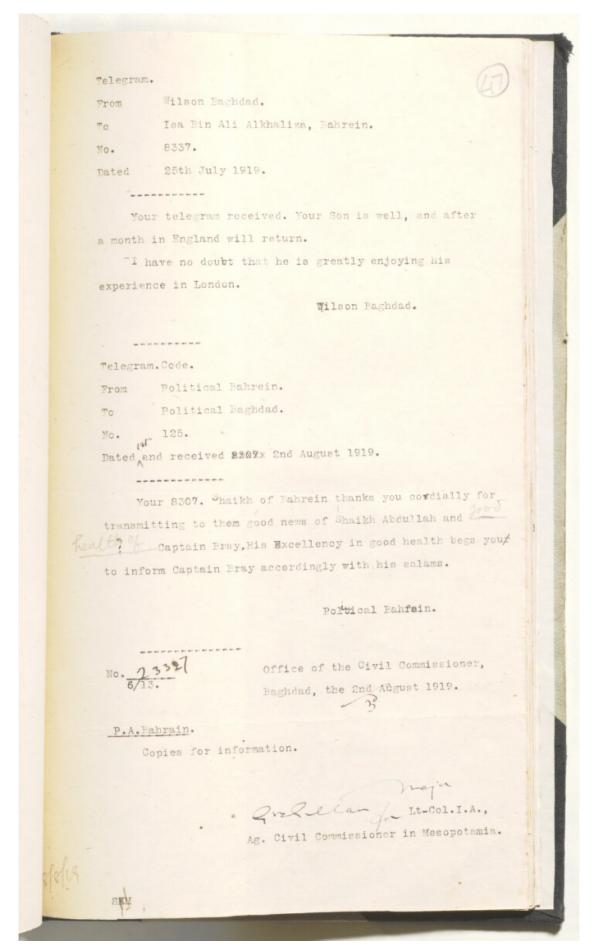






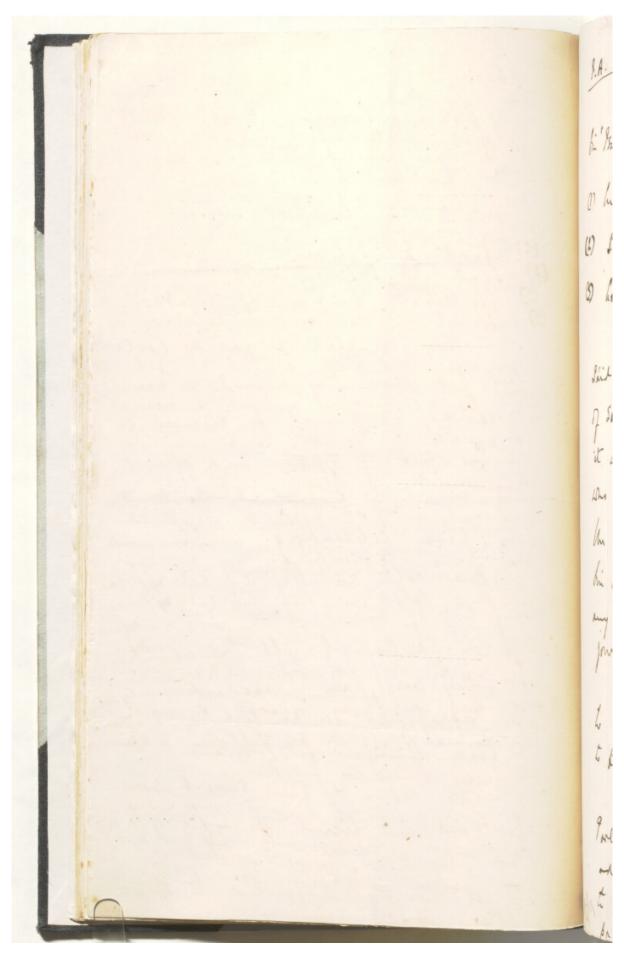
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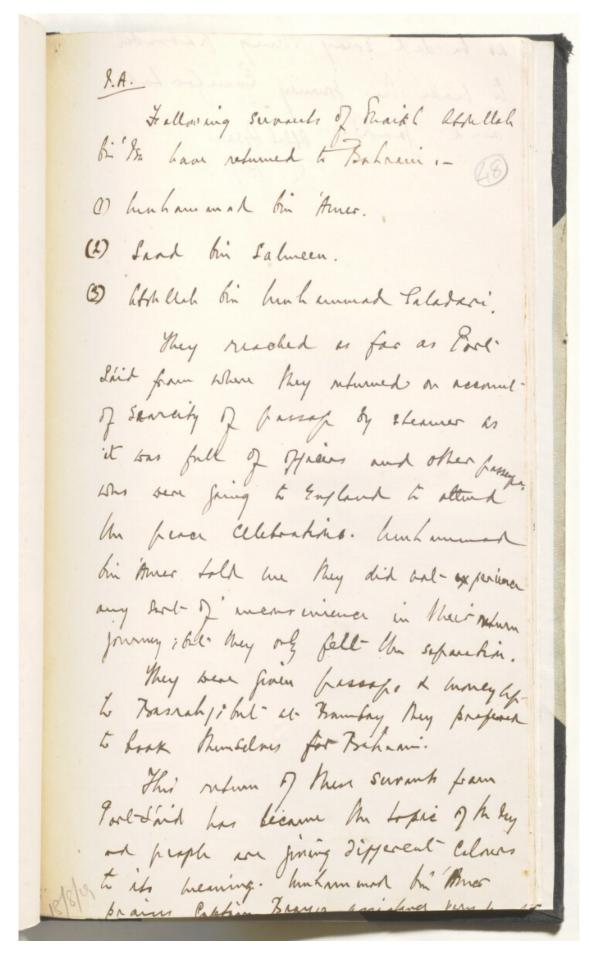






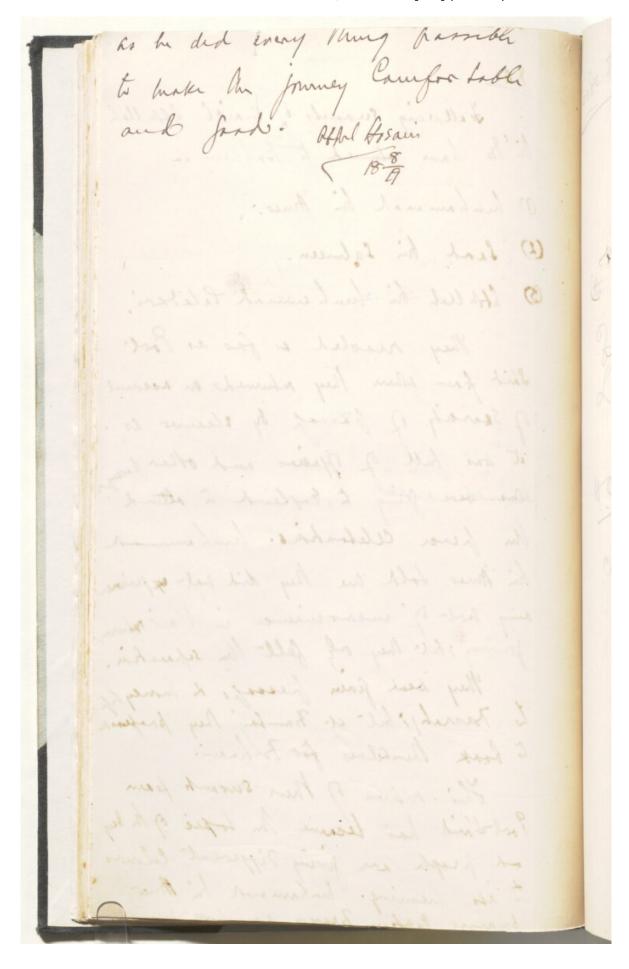


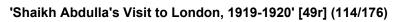




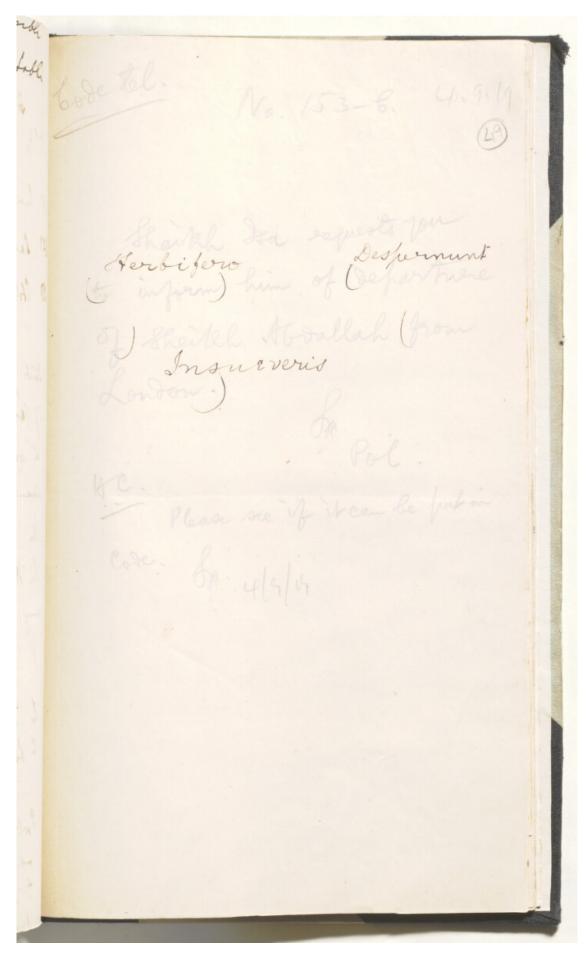






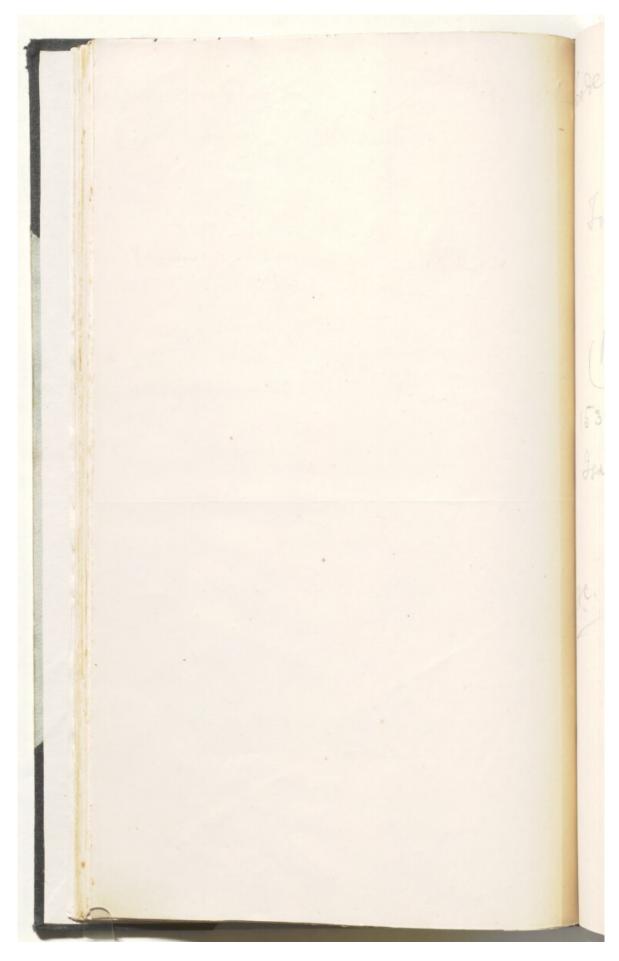






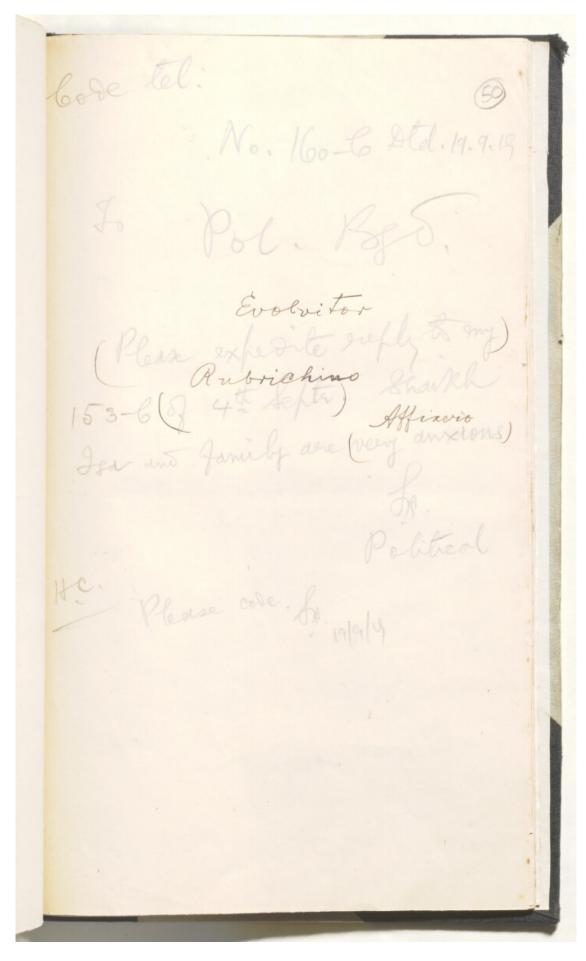






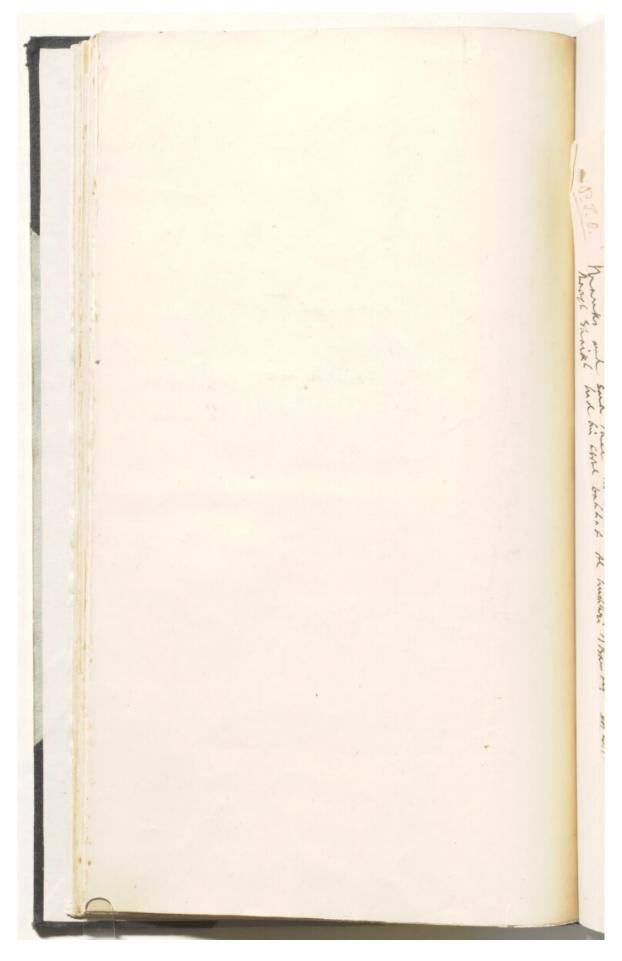






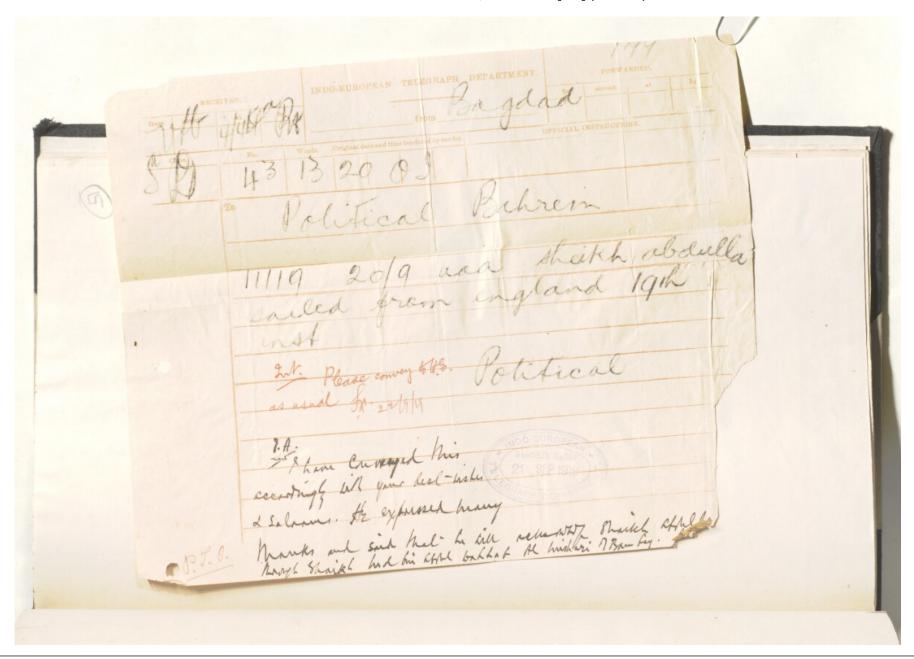












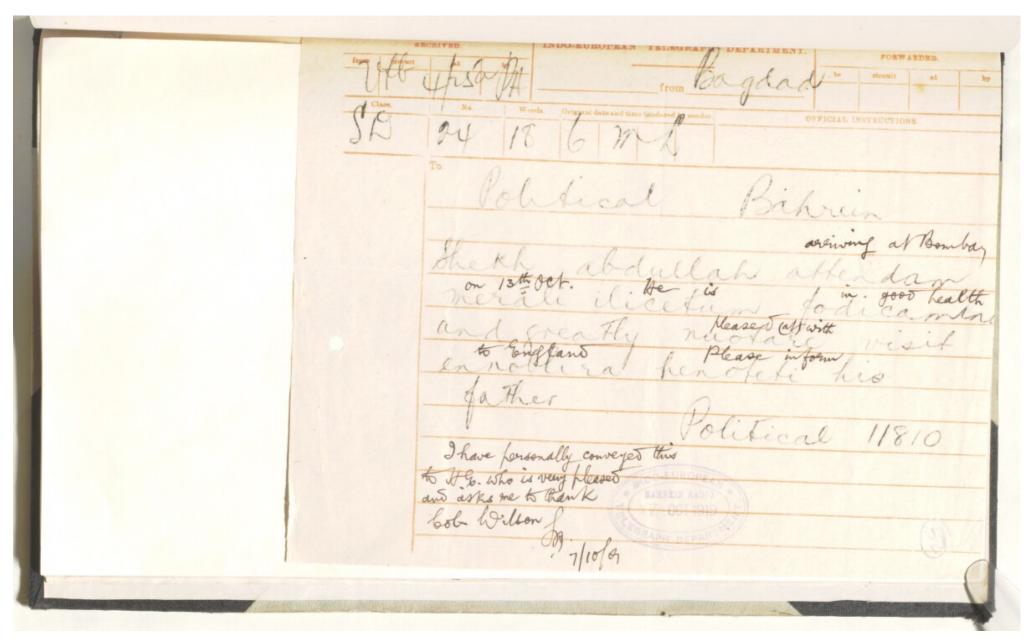






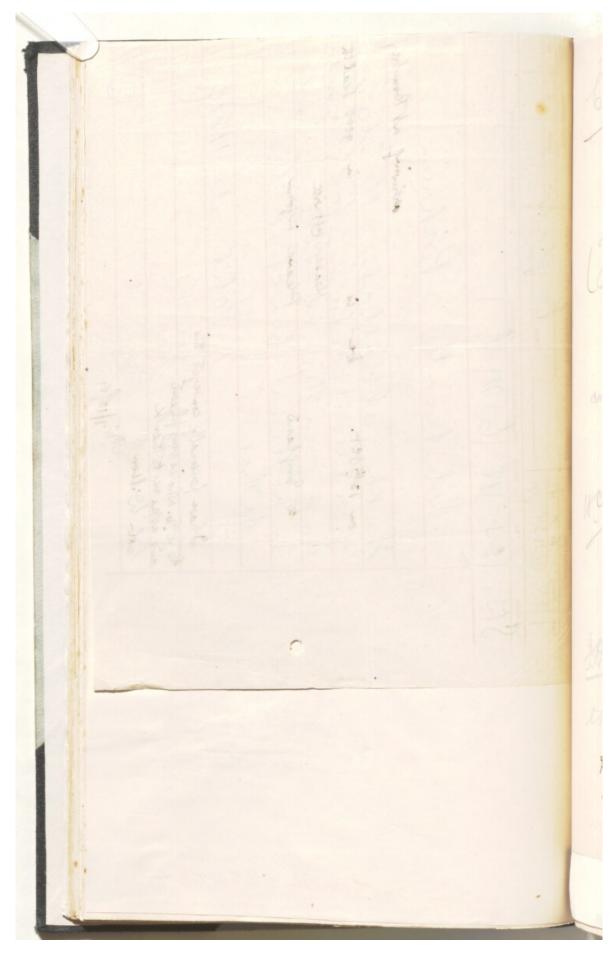






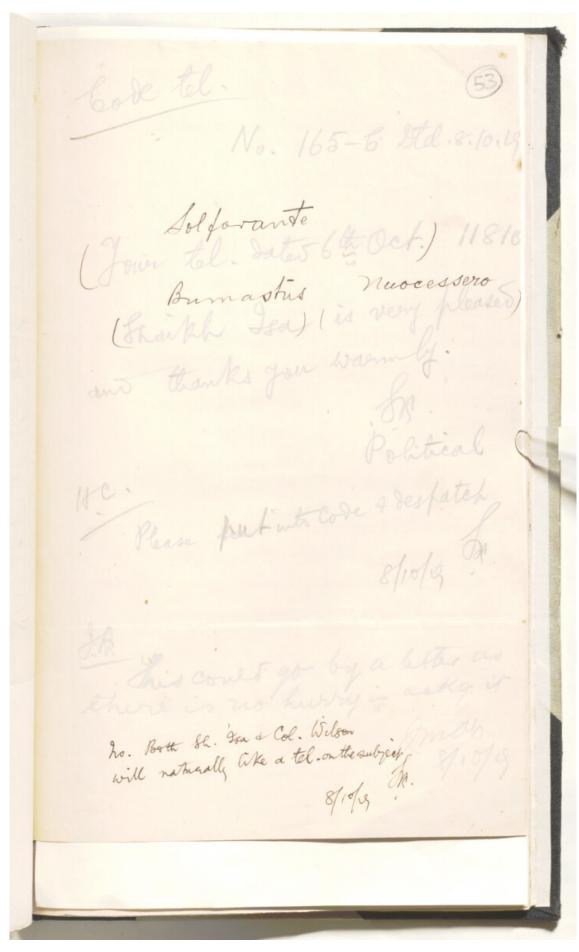






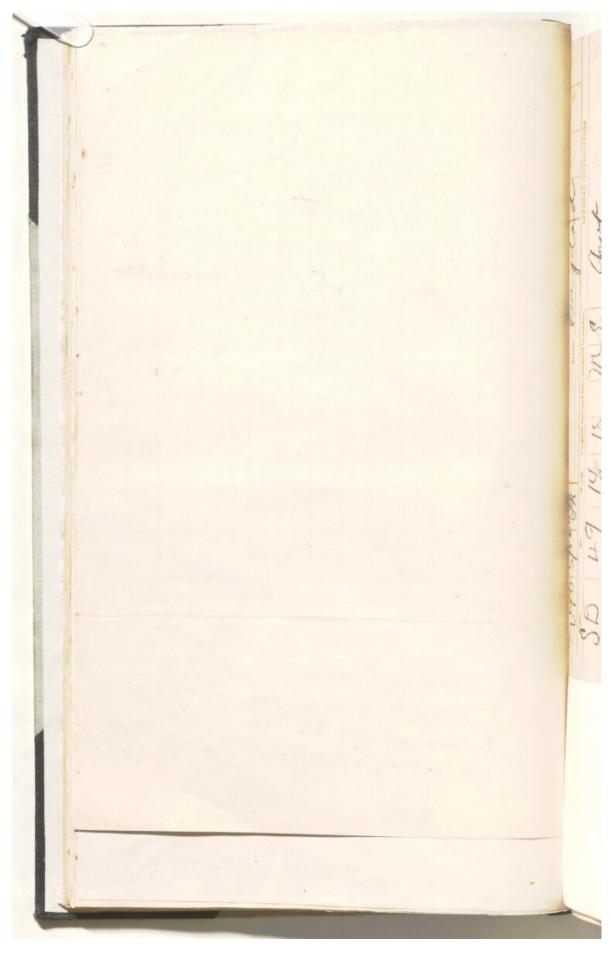






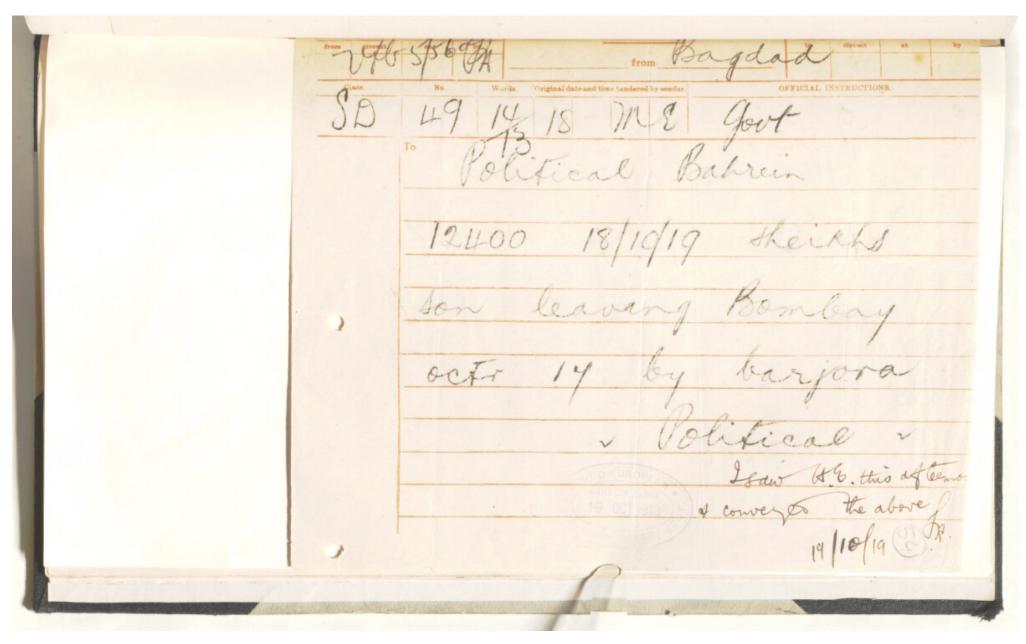






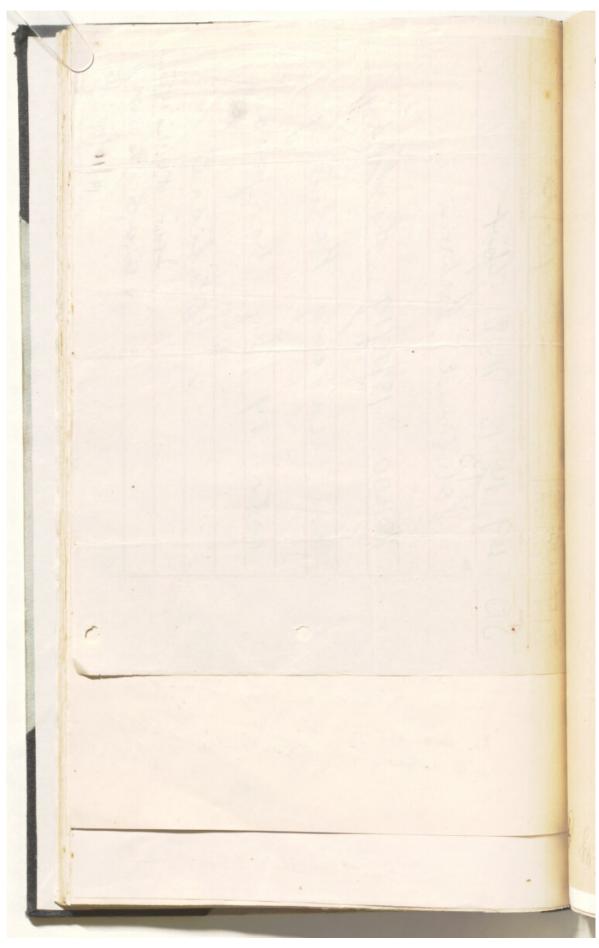












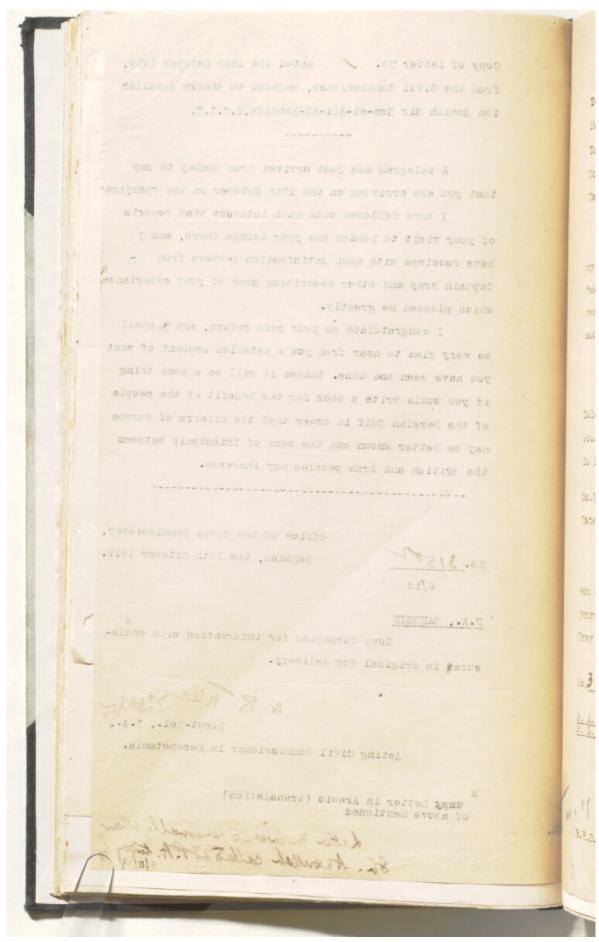
#### 'Shaikh Abdulla's Visit to London, 1919-1920' [55r] (126/176)



Copy of letter No. / dated the 18th October 1919, from the Civil Commissioner, Baghdad to Shaikh Abdullah ibn Shaikh Sir Esa-el-Ali-al-Khalifa, K.C.I.E. A telegram has just arrived from Bombay to say that you are arriving on the 17th October on the "Barjora" I have followed with much interest they reports of your visit to London and your doings there, and I have received with much satisfaction letters from Captain Bray and other describing some of your experience which pleased me greatly. I congratulate on your safe return, and % shall be very glad to hear from you a detailed account of what you have seen and done. Indeed it will be a good thing if you would write a book for the benefit of the people of the Persian Gulf in order that the affairs of Europe may be better known and the bond of friendship between the British and Arab peoples may increase. Office of the Civil Commissioner. Baghdad, the 18th october 1919. P.A., BAHREIN Copy forwarded for information with enclosures in original for delivery. Lieut-Col., I.A., Acting Civil Commissioner in Mesopotamia. Many Letter in Arabic (translation) of above mentioned 8h. Aboullah called at P.A. today

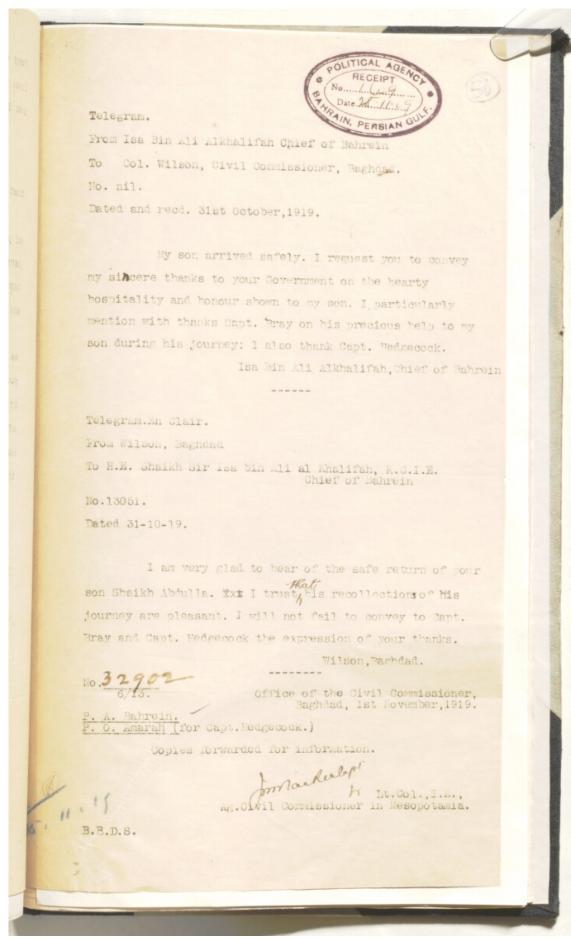
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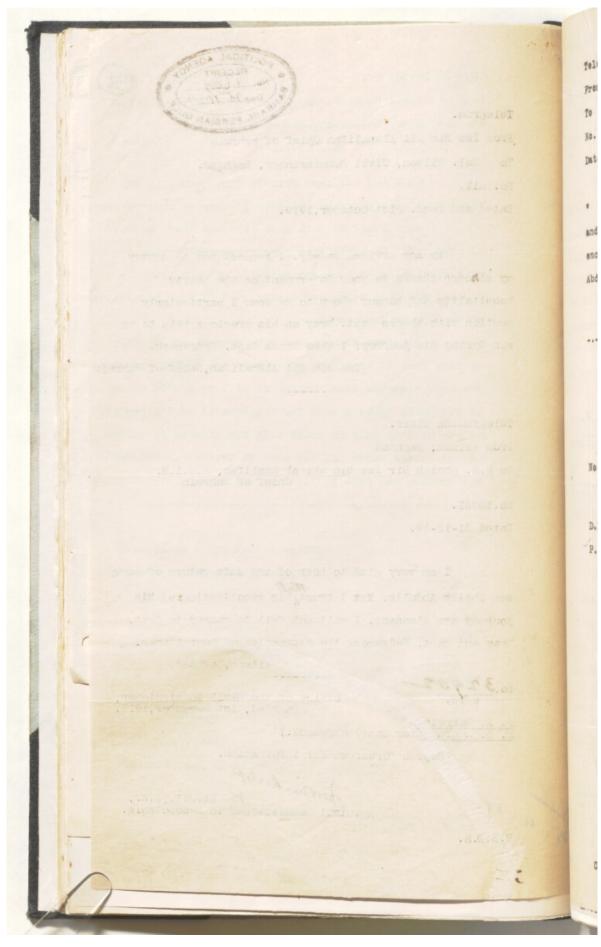
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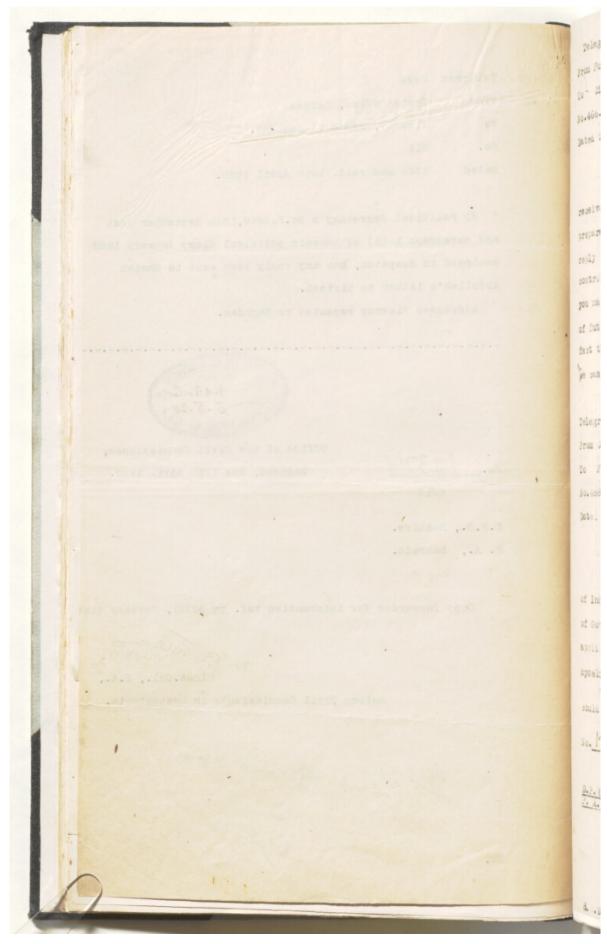
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Telegram Code India Office, London Viceroy, reptd to Baghdad. Nil Dated 13th and recd. 16th April 1920. " My Political Searctary's No.P-5649,16th September last and paragraph 1 (B) of Bahrain political diary January 1920 enclosed in despatch, has any reply been sent to Shaikh Abdullah's letter to Hirtzel. Addressed Viceroy repeated to Baghdad. Office of the Civil Commissioner, Baghdad, the 17th April 1920. D.P.R., Bushire. P. A., Bahrain. Copy forwarded for information ref. my 37761, October 31st Acting Civil Commissioner in Mesopotamia. Patab reference plene CM.

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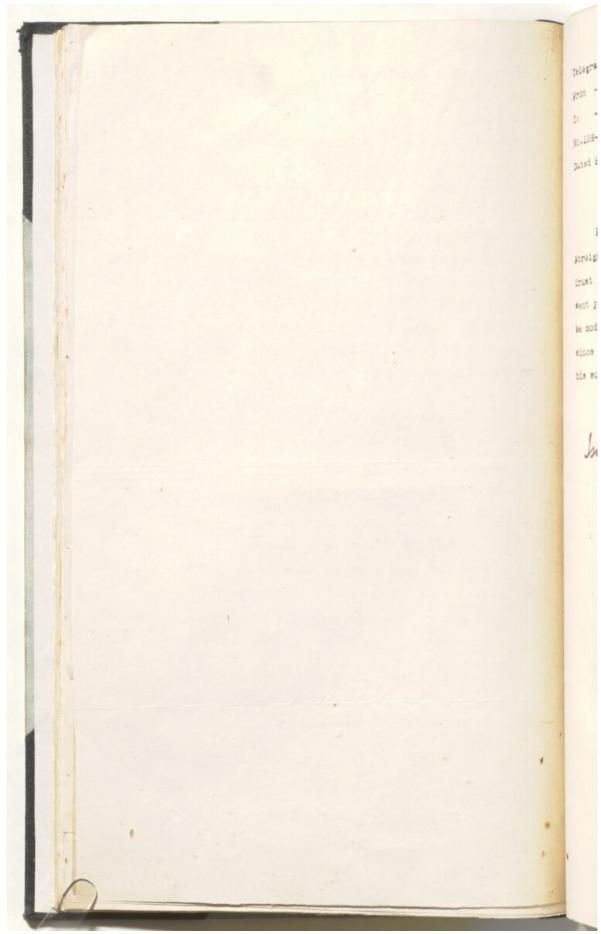
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Telegram. X. From Foreign Department, Simla. To - Civil Commissioner, Saghdad. No.466.3. Dated 20th and reed. 21st April, 1920. Sabrein. Please refer to Secretary of State's telegram received April 13th and your 4601 April 15th. Letter is under preparation but it is thought that it may be better to defer reply to Sheikh Abdulla for the present on the grounds that if control of Sahrein shortly passes from hands Government of India you may prefer to dual with the case yourself and that in view of future arrangements there is nothing to be gained/emphasizing fact that Government of India is the only channel through which we can approach His Majesty's Government. Do you agree? Telegram. lypher.Ordinary. From Civil Commissio ner. Baghdad To Foreign Department Simla. No. 4081. Date: 21-4-20. Your telegram of 20th April 466.S. I think present case had better be dealt with by the Covt. of India as - see no prospect of Bahrein passing from control of Government of India for another 12 months and + consider present application should be don't with by some higher authority than I should be grateful however if the Covernment of India sould see their way to telegraph text of proposed reply. Office of the Civil Commissioner, Baghdad, the 22nd April, 1920. D.P.R. Sashire. donles for warden for information. Lieut.Col., I.A., Ag. livil longissioner in Mesopotamia.

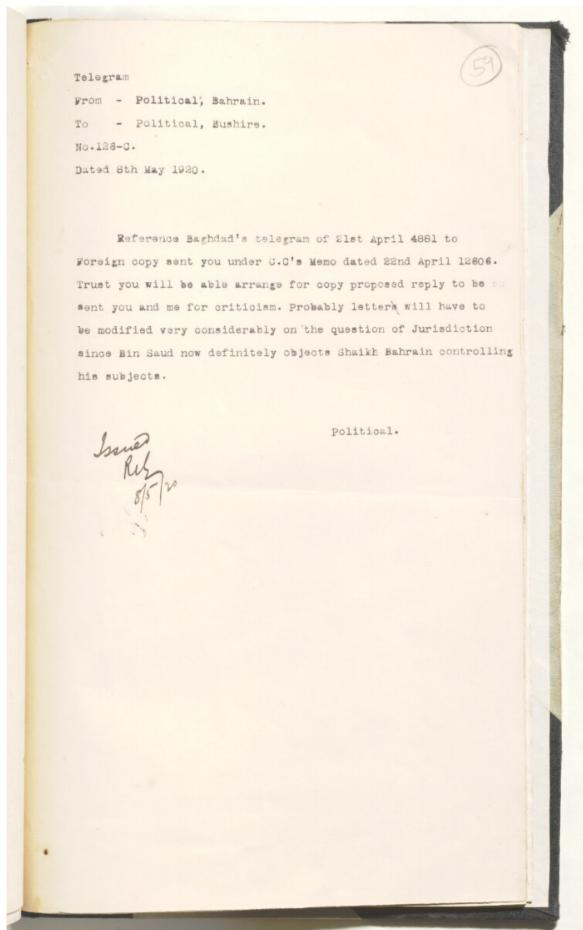
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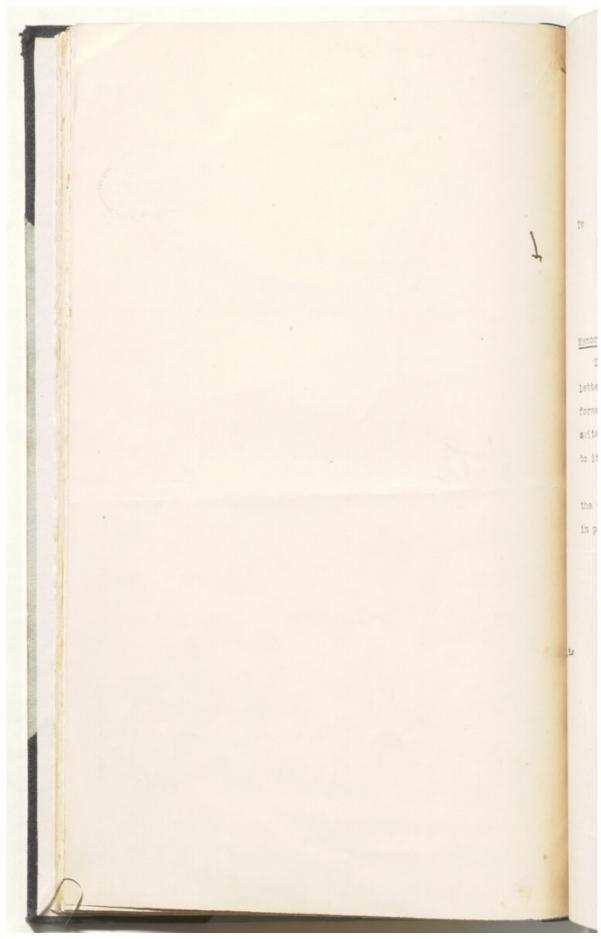
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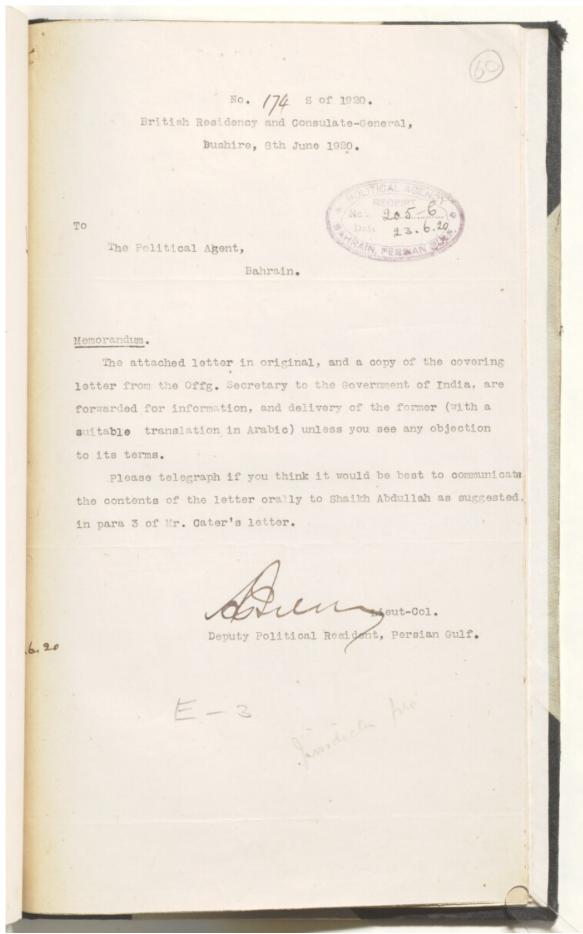
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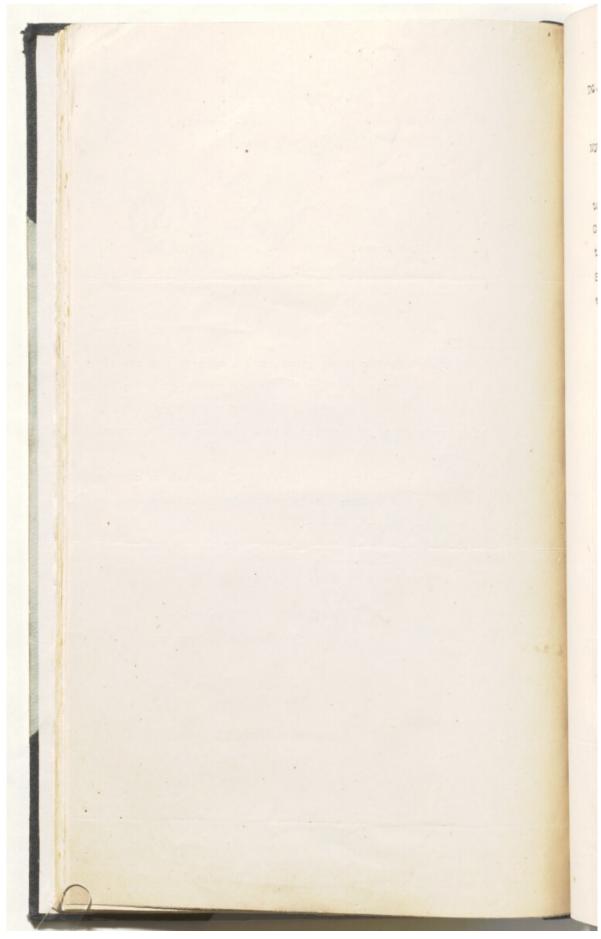
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### 'Shaikh Abdulla's Visit to London, 1919-1920' [61r] (138/176)



DG.No.1146 E.A.

SIMLA, The 5th May 1920.

My dear Wilson,

I am desired to forward herewith a letter to Shaikh Abdullah bin Shaikh Isa bin Ali al Khalifah, C.I.E., of Bahrain, regarding the wishes expressed by him to Sir Arthur Hirtzel during his visit to Iondon in September 1919, and to request that you will send it to him with a suitable translation in Arabic.

But if you think that it should be altered or amended in any way, your suggestions are invited and, if necessary, a fresh letter embodying these will be prepared and sent to you.

It would perhaps be best of all if the Government of India's reply could be orally communicated to Shaikh Abdullah without the delivery of any formal letter.

Should any reply be received to the letter

I am to request that you will submit it to the Government

of India with an English translation.

A copy of the letter is enclosed for record in your office.

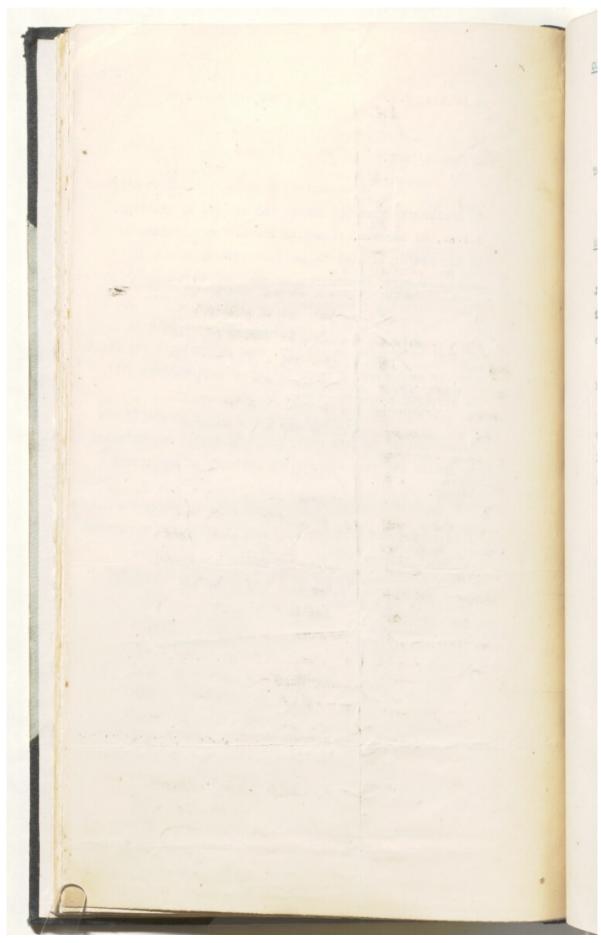
Yours sincerely, gd. A.N.L.CATER.

TO

Lieut-Colonel A.T. Wilson, C.S.I., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O Officiating Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Baghdad.

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CONFIDENTIAL

No. 168 -0 of 1920.

Political Agency, Bahrain, 23rd June 1920.

To

The Deputy Political Resident,

Bushire.

#### MEMORANDUM:-

I have to acknowledge your No. 174 dated 8th Eucloring
June 1920 andorsing an original letter from the Secretary
to the Government of India to Shaikh Abdullah bin Isa, also
copy of a covering letter from Er. Cater.

As regards the wording of the actual letter. I have only one suggestion to make.

In para 2, eighth line, reply to first question of Shaikh Abdullah, before the word agreements I should like to see the word formal inserted. Do you think the Government of India would object to my inserting this word in the original letter. Perhaps you on your own authority could authorise the correction. If not, in order to save time, I suggest the question might be put telegraphically to India.

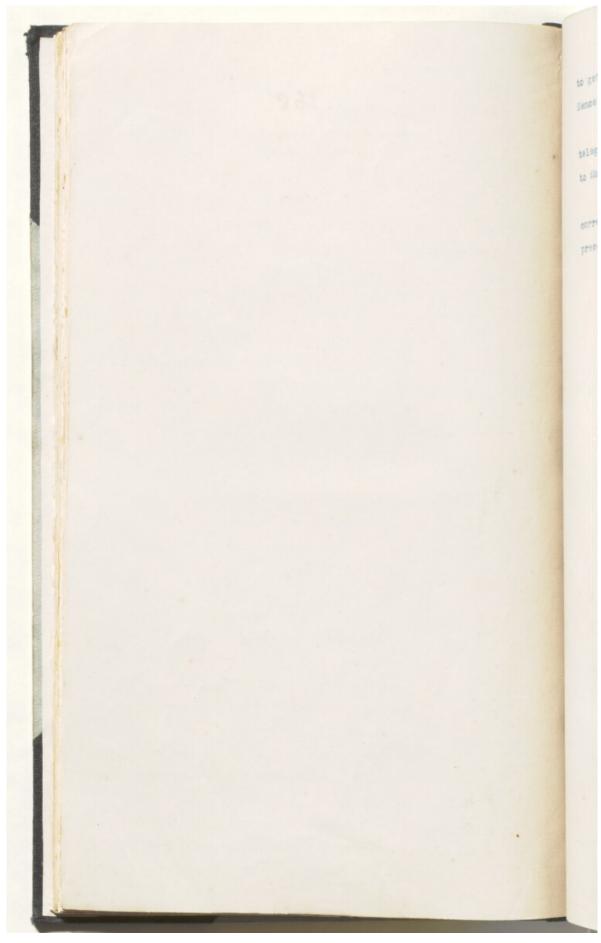
be inserted will, I think, be understood by you, as you have yourself had much experience of Shaikh Isa and his ways. I am anxious to have the question of jurisdiction put on a defifite footing once and for all.

can see, going to be of great importance to future Political Agents, for reference purposes. I am anxious that there should be no room for any future misunderstanding; left as it is the word " agreements" will give shaikh Isa an opportunity for "trotting" out any and every small friendly letter from some Foreign ruler or other and claiming it as an agreement. I want to avoid such a contingency and want

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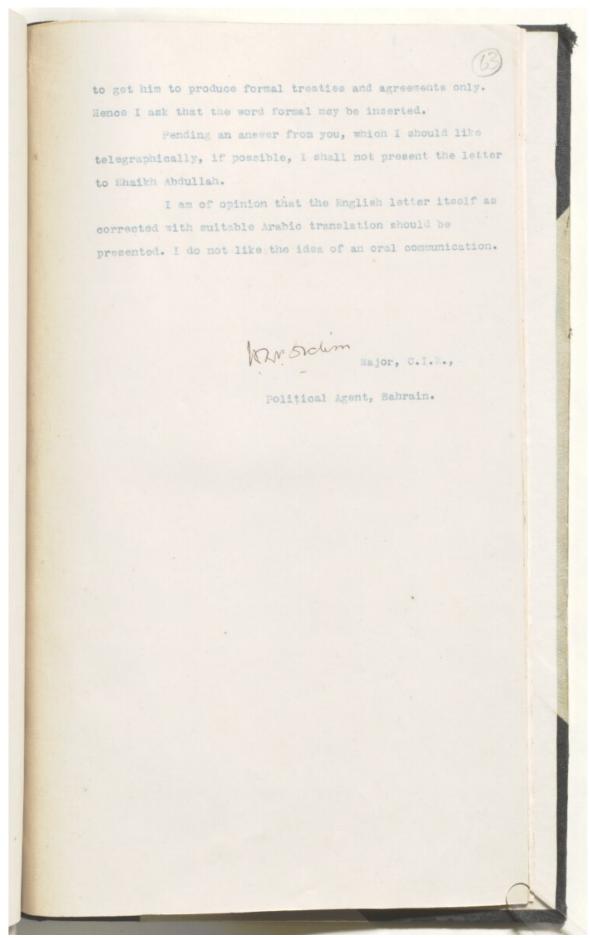
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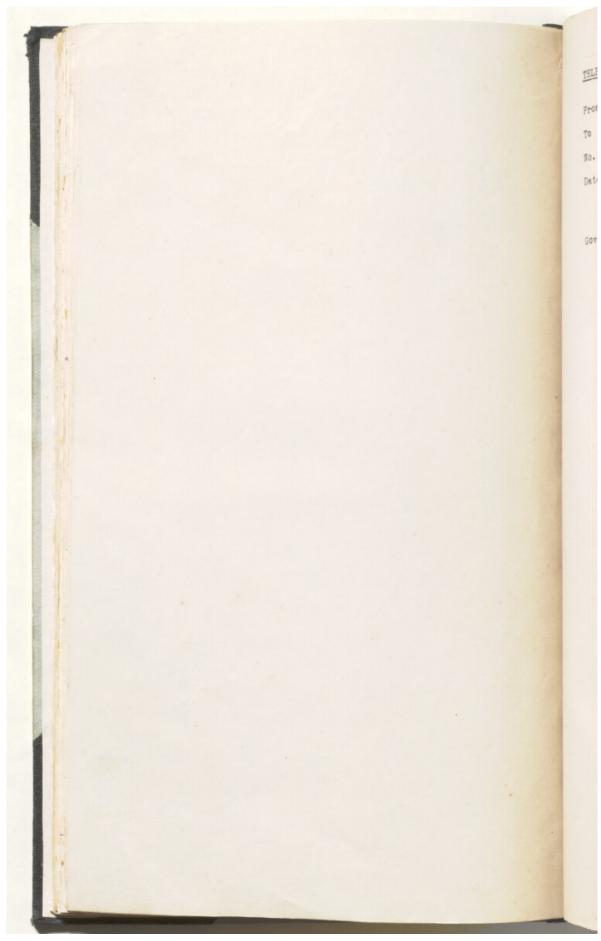
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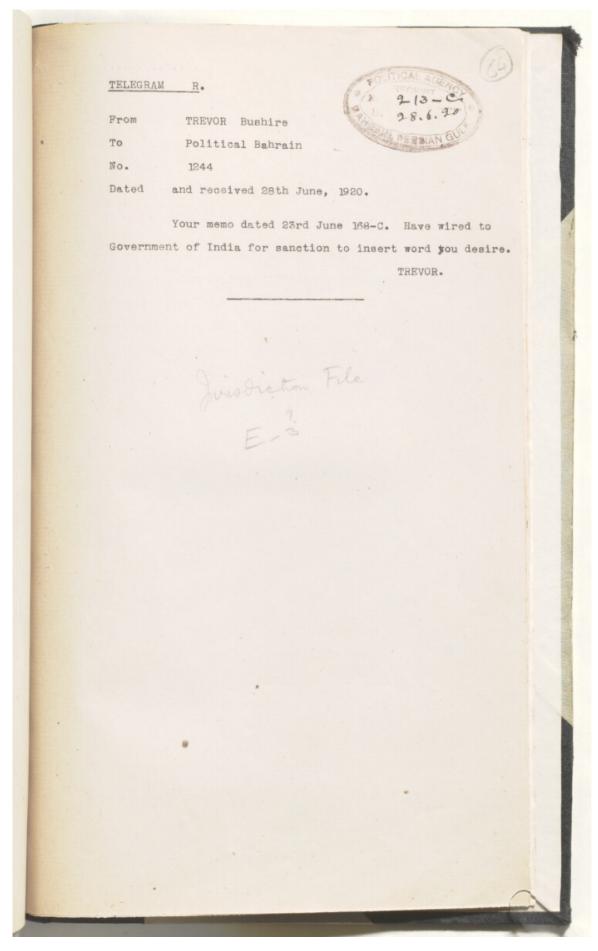
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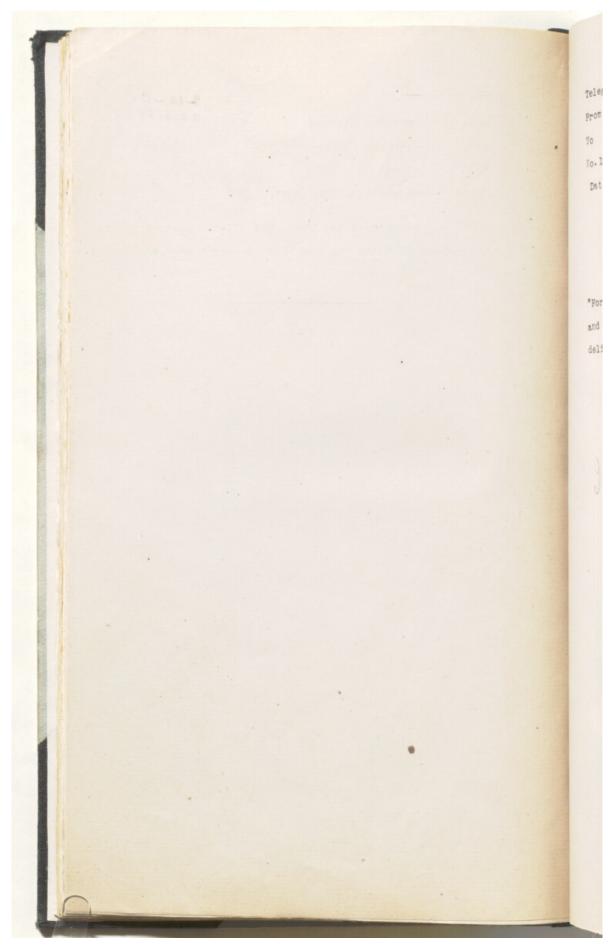
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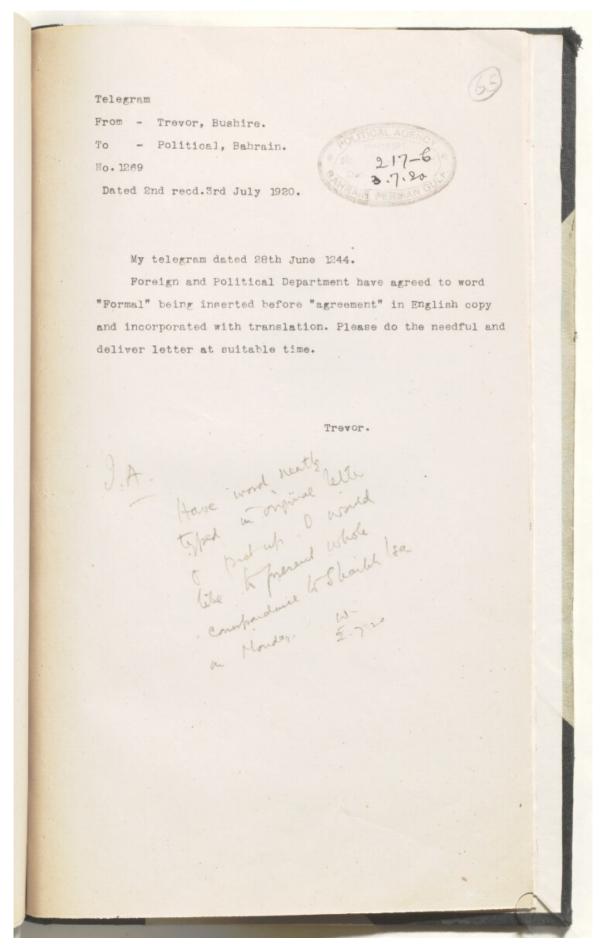






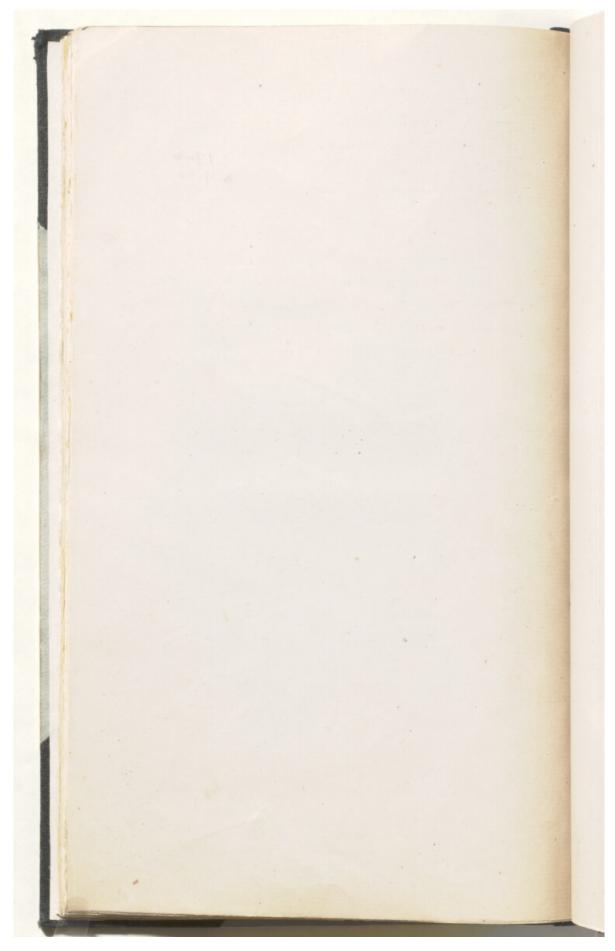
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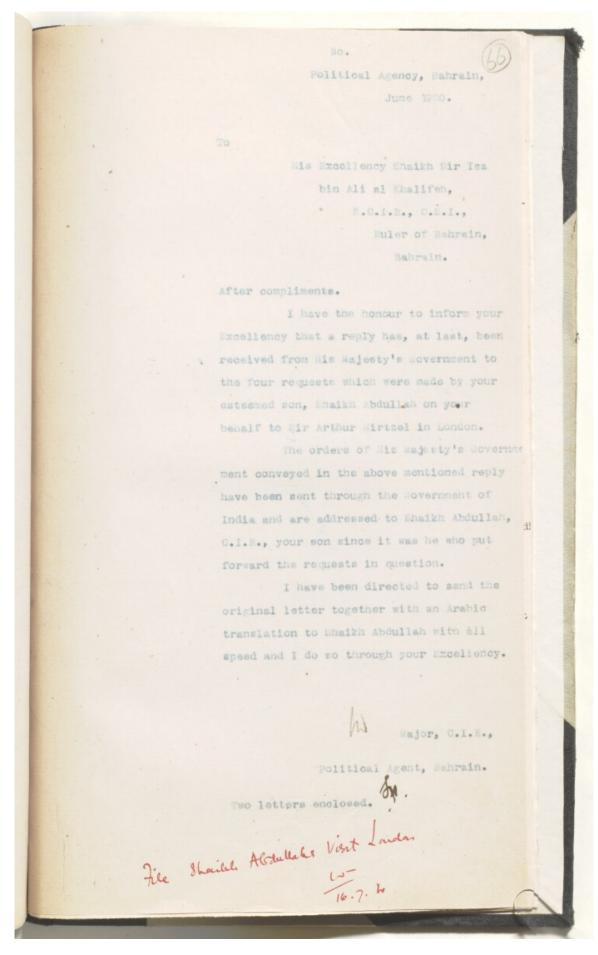






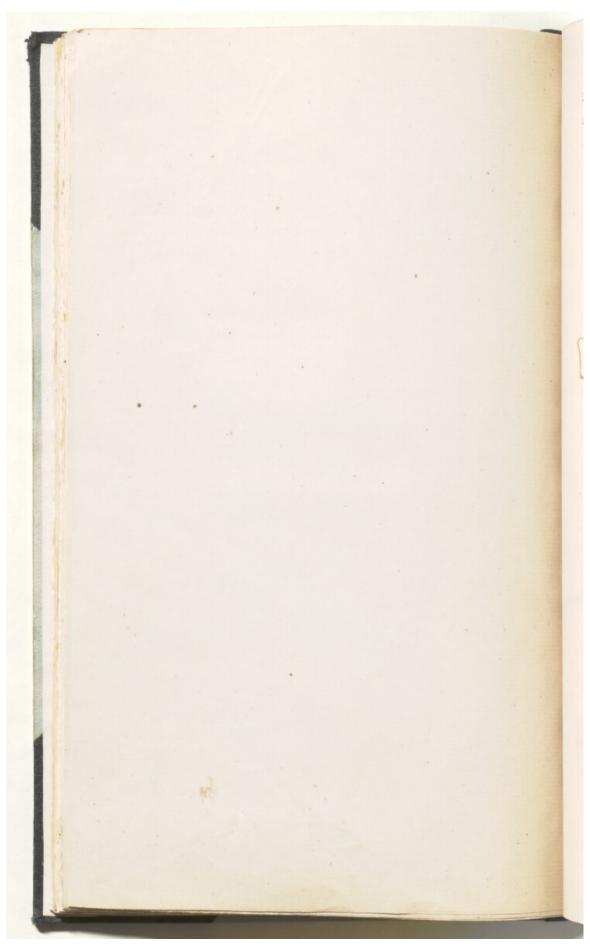
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## 'Shaikh Abdulla's Visit to London, 1919-1920' [67r] (150/176)



Copy of a D/O letter No. 1145/E.A. dated the 5th May 1920 from the Honourable Mr. A Cater, Secy. to Govt. of India Simla, to Shaikh Abdullah bin Shaikh Isa Al Khalifa, C.I.E., Bahrain.

I have the honour to refer to your letter to Sir Arthur Hirtzel, dated the 4th September, 1919, in which you requested:-(1) that your father may have equality with the Arab Rulers in his neighbourhood in the exercise of authority over all Arab subjects residing in his territory;

- (2) that the selection of the members of Majlis al Urfi may be one of his rights like the Shara and Salifah Courts;
- (3) that H.M.Govt. will allow him to open the port of Zubarah which he alleges is the territory of his forefathers; and (4) that he may be given the previlege of reference to the
  - seat of Government in London, whenever necessary.
  - I am directed to inform you that the Govt. of India have given these requests their most careful consideration and I am to make the following reply.-

I am to express regret that it is impossible for the Govt. of India to accede to the request that your father should excercise jurisdiction over the subjects of other Arab Rulers residing in Bahrain unless the Rulers concerned themselves make formal agreements to this effect.

As to the second request, I am to point out that the procedure for the selection of members of the Mujlis al Urfi is laid down in the Bahrain Order-in-Council which was promulgated by the order of His Majesty the King-Emperor and it is not within the competence of the Government of India to alter this procedure. But it is understood that the Arab representatives in the Majlis are always appointed by your father and though this appointment is subject to the approval of the Political Agent as representative of the protecting power, you may rest assured that the Political Agent will never disapprove of any proper selection and will not interfere without duakies just cause.

With

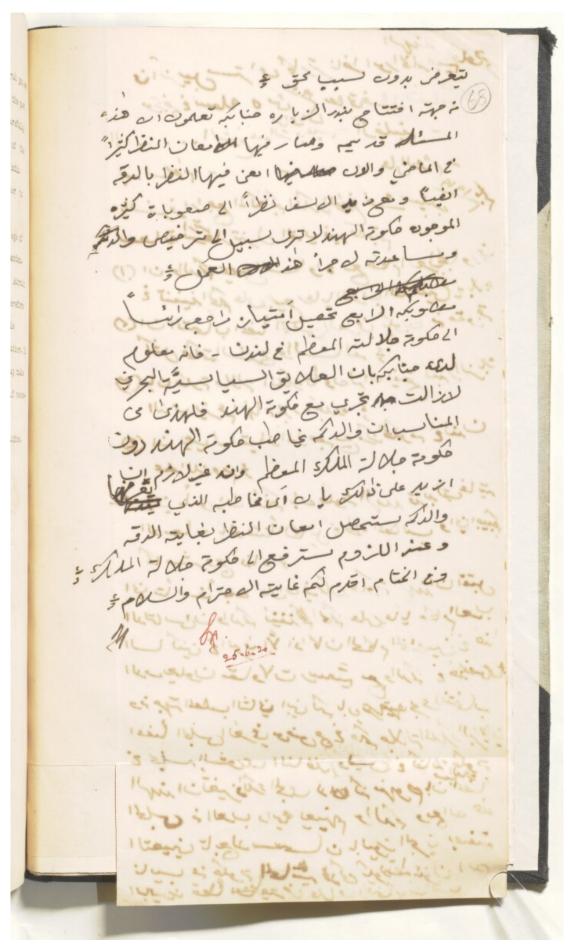
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With regard to the opening of a port at Zubarah you are aware that this question is an old one and has in the past received much consideration. It has, again, been carefully examined, and I am to express regret that in view of the many difficulties which exist, the Government of India donot see their way to permit and assist your father to carry out this project. Your fourth request is to be given the privilege of direct preference to His Majesty's Government in London. It is known to you that the political relations of Bahrain are conducted with the Govt. of India and it is therefore appropriate that the Government of India and not His Majesty's Government should be addressed by your father. It is unnecessary to add that any communications he may make will receive most careful consideration and will, if necessary, be forwarded to His Majesty's Government. I remain with much consideration.

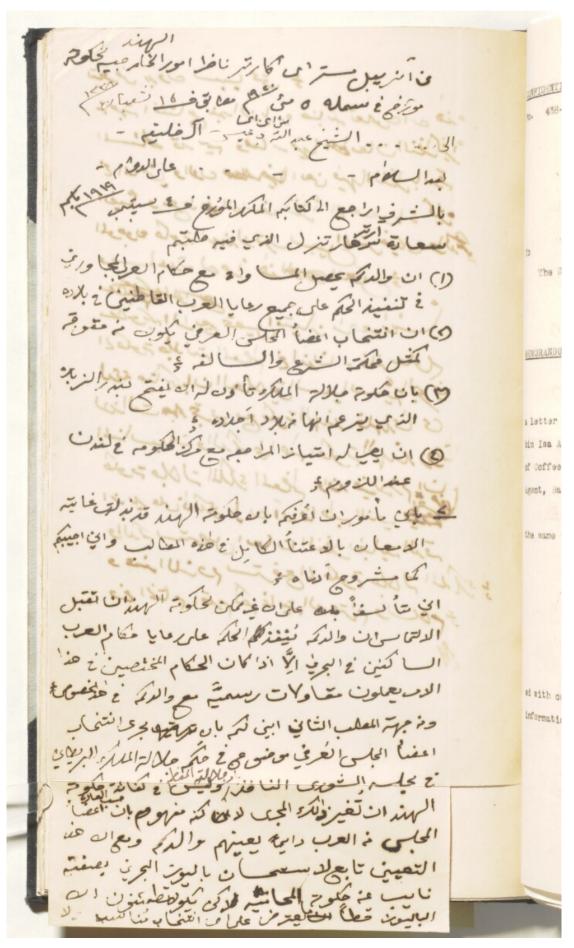






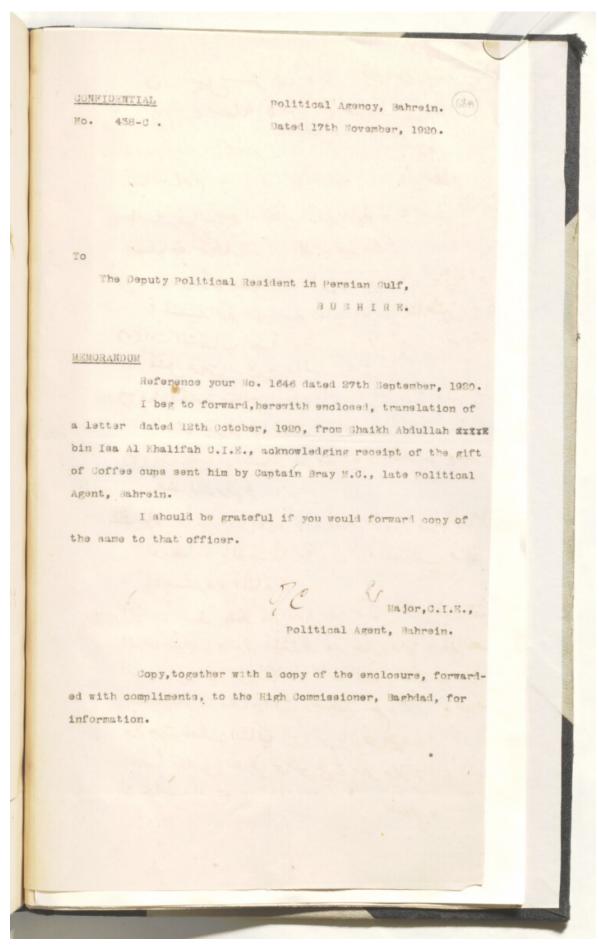






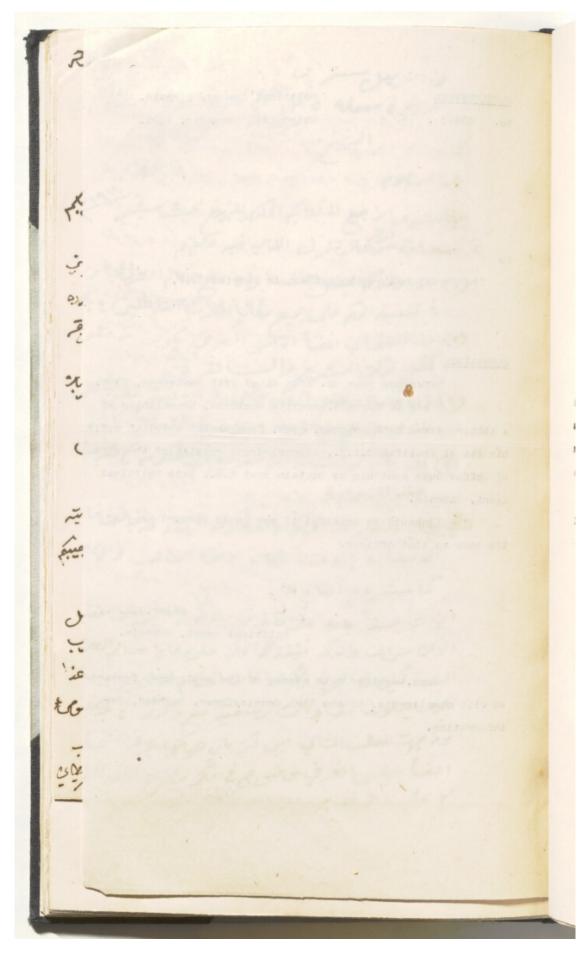
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Translation of a letter dated 28th Muharram 1839 (12th October 1920) from Sheikh Abdullah bin Sheikh Isa Al-Khalifah C.I.E, to Major H.R.P. Bickson, C.I.E, H.B.M's Political Agent, Pahrain.

#### After Compliments .

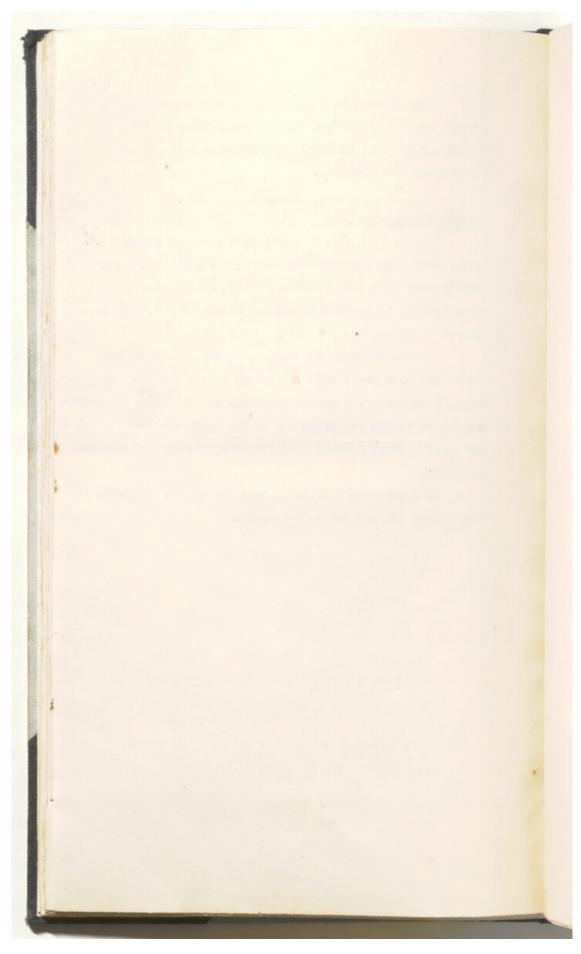
I have received your esteemed letter No.358 dated 25th Muharram 1338 (8th October 1980) with which you so kindly sent me a set of silver mounted coffee cups being a present made to me through you by Captain Bray M.C. who accompanied us to London.

I have received the above ,and have accepted same which has been presented by a sincere friend who does not forget friendship. I request you will kindly convey my sincere and hearty thanks and gratitude to the above-mentioned gentleman whose present I shall preserve as a MEMERITO of his good qualities.

In conclusion I offer my best thanks and gratitude to your honour and may you be preserved.

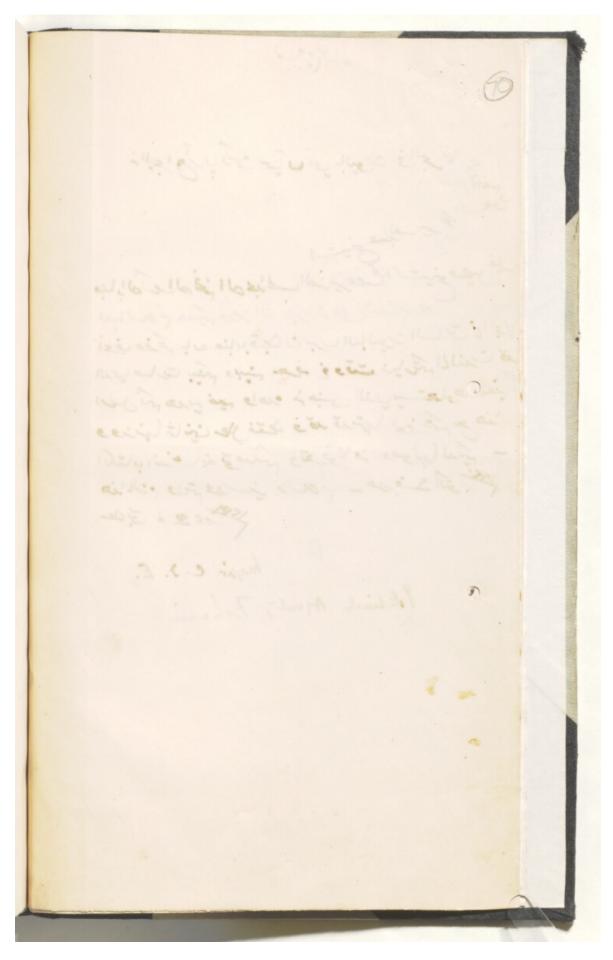






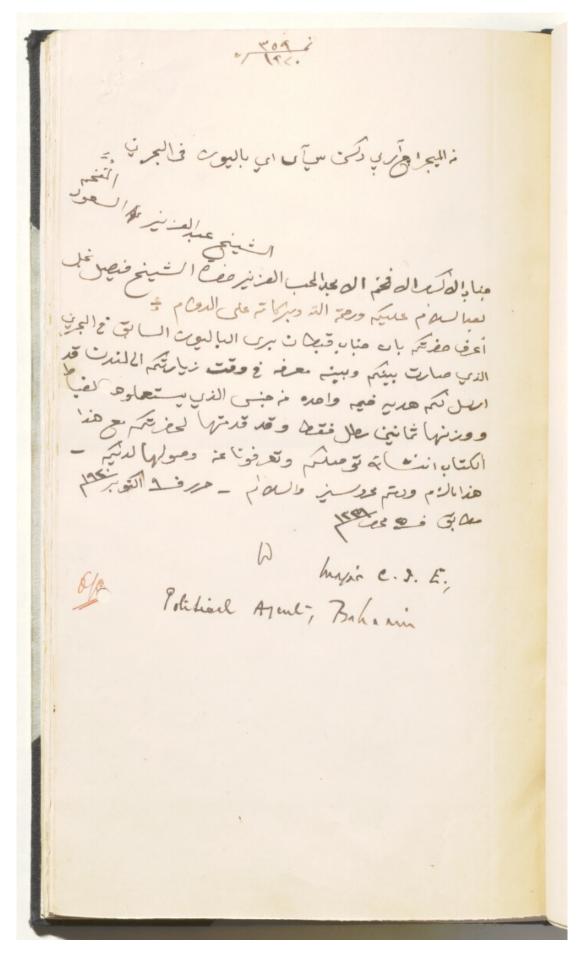






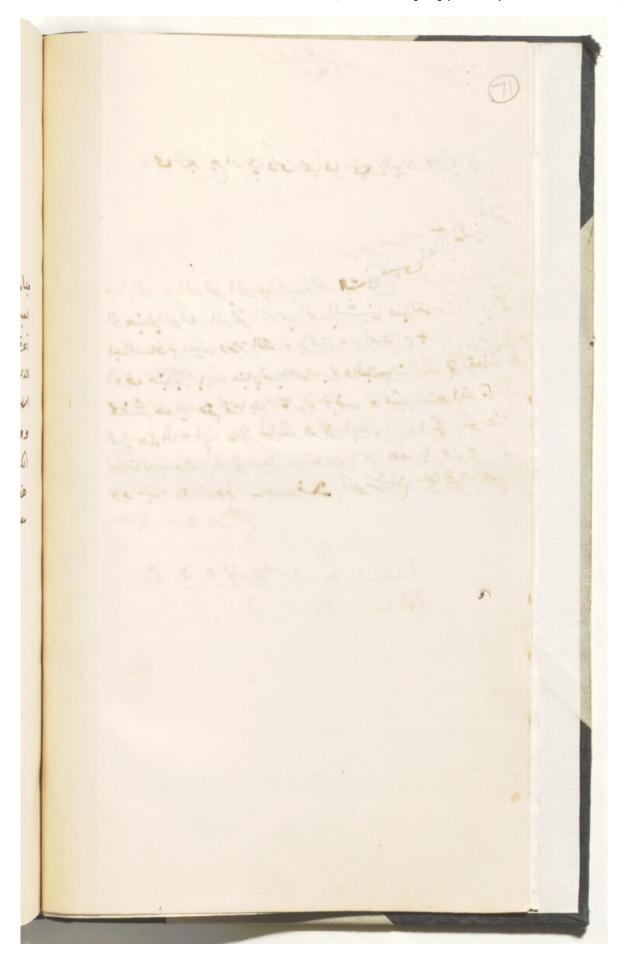






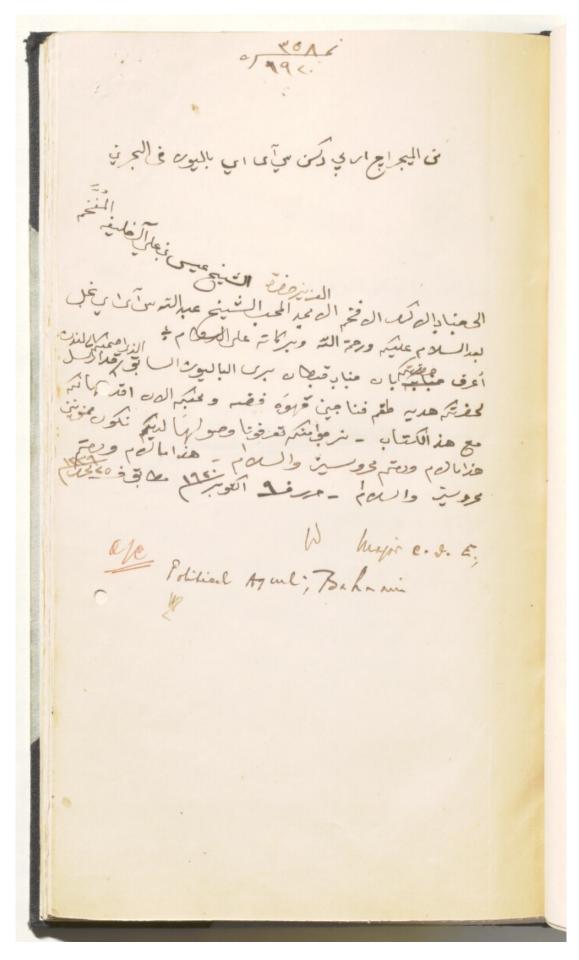






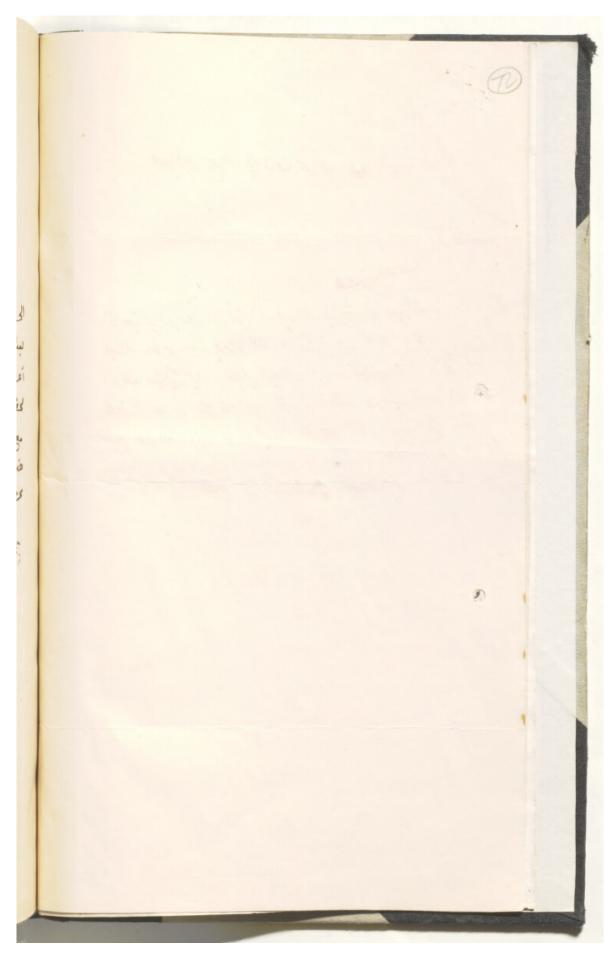






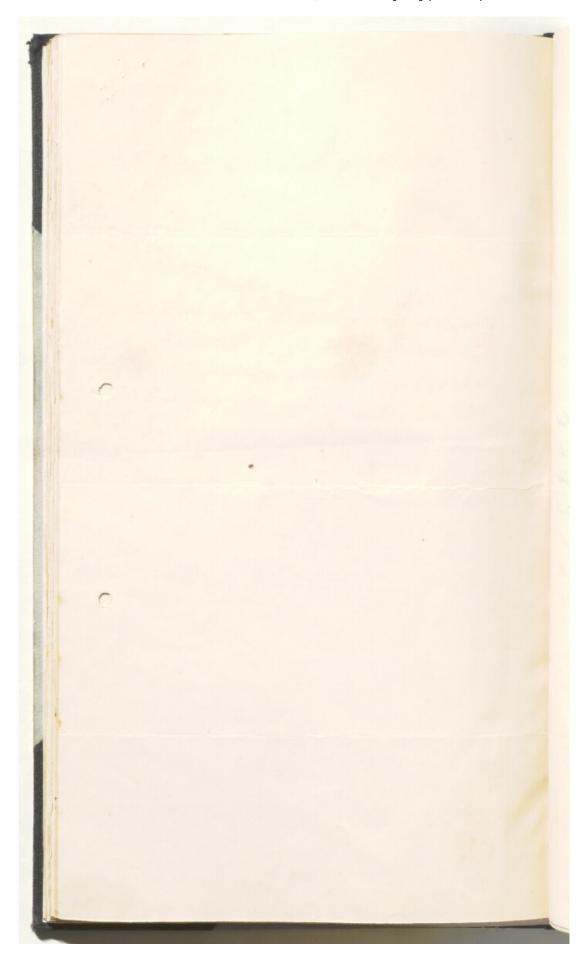






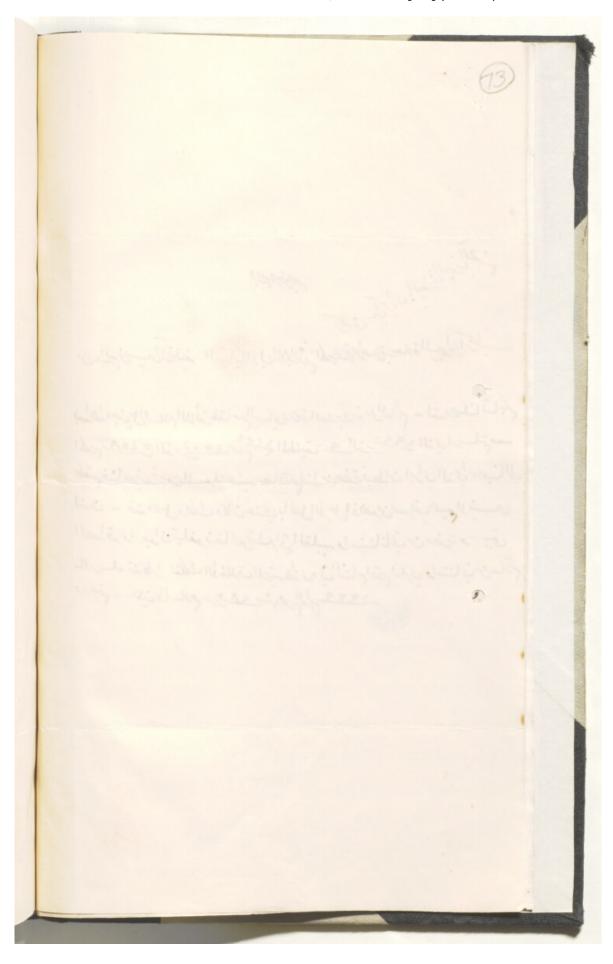






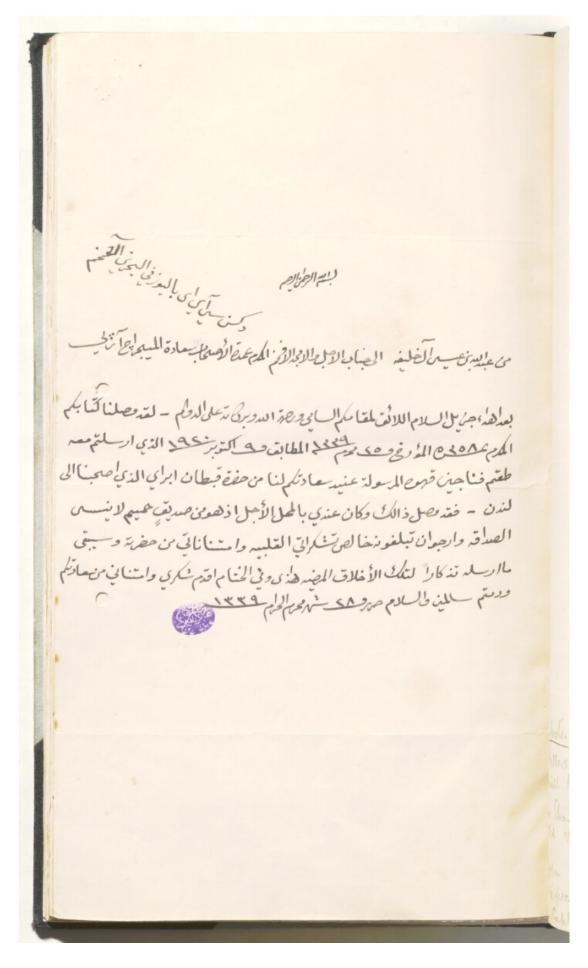






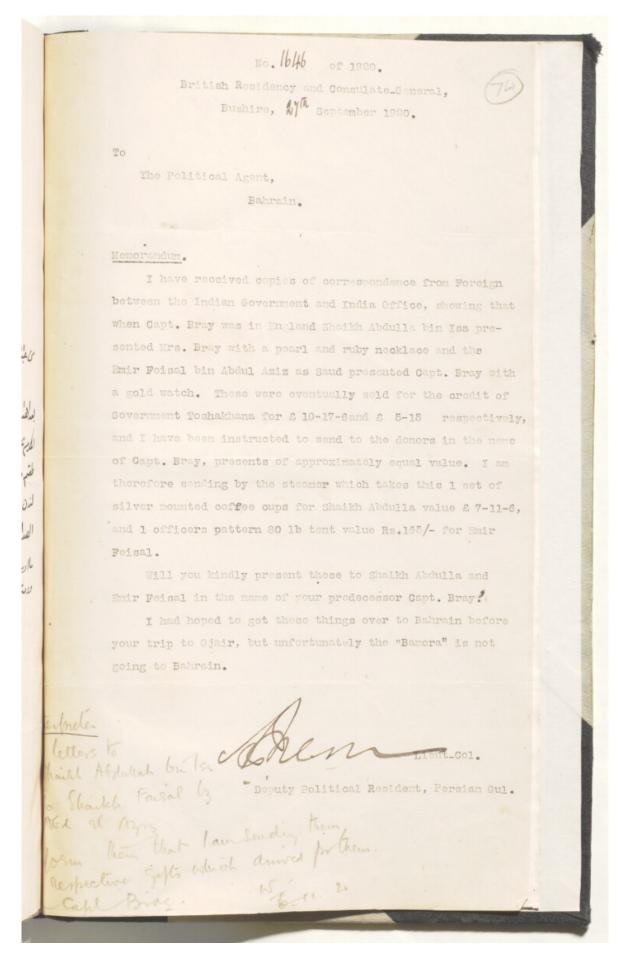






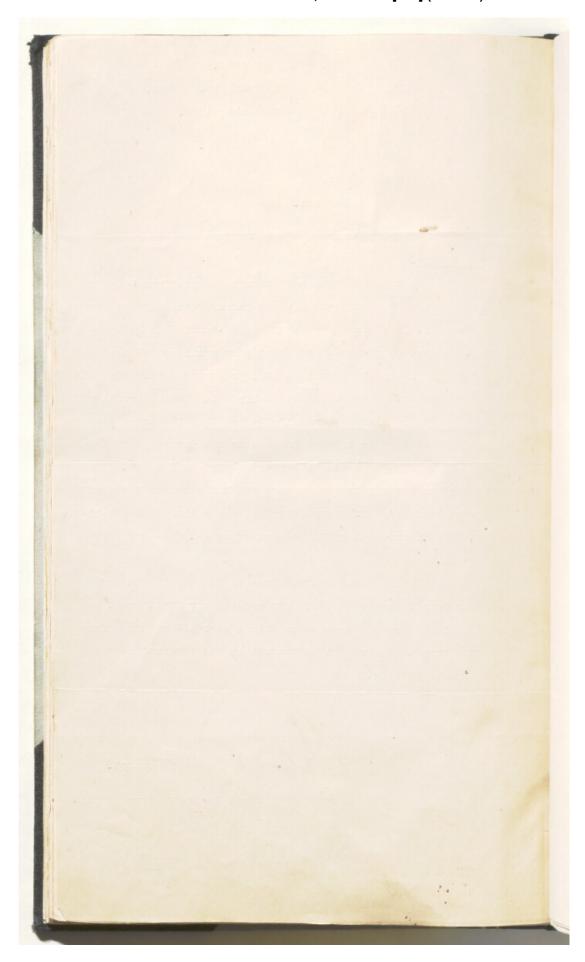






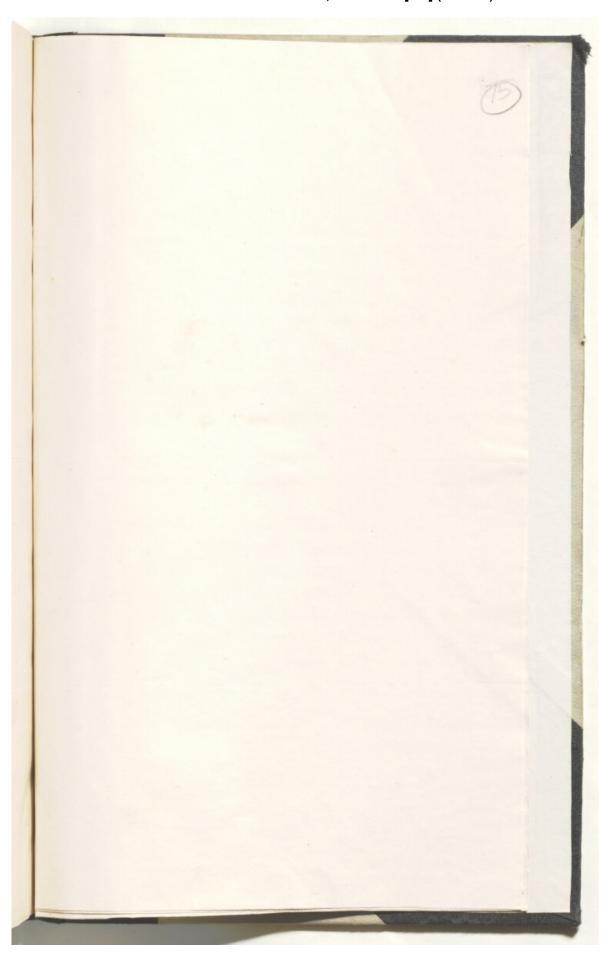


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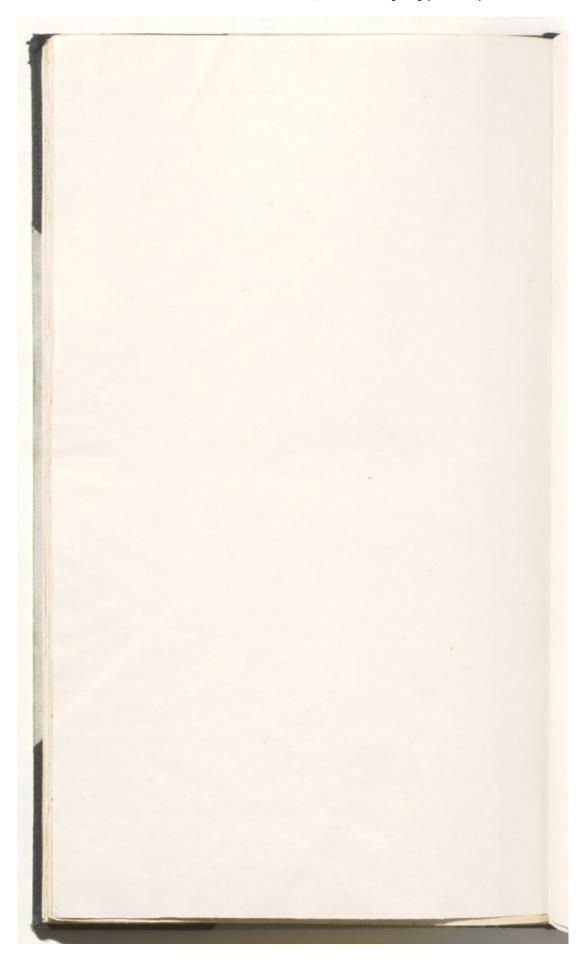


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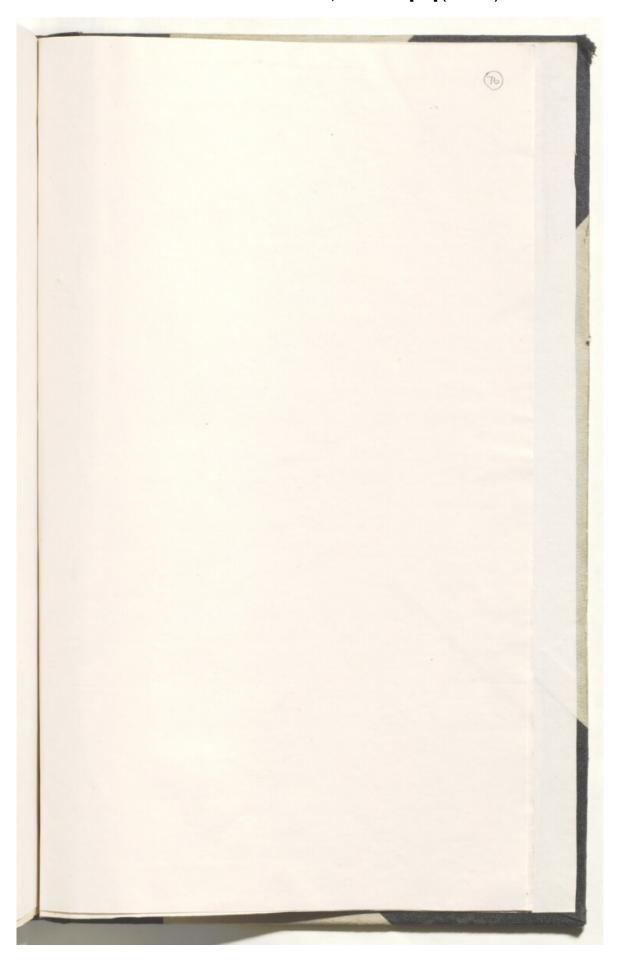


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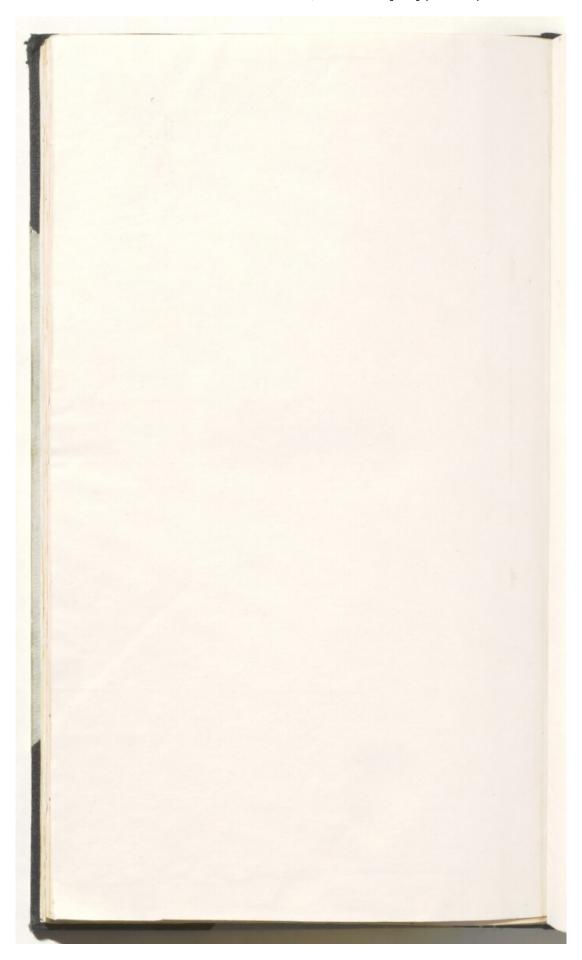


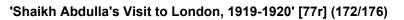
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